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## Committee recommends council appoint

Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — The City Council Monday night took the question of putting one or more charter amendments on the Nov. 5 ballot asking voters to approve changing the police chief, city attorney and city treasurer from elected to council-appointed offices — after a less than definitive discussion, put it right back down.

The council originally sent the proposal to the Charter Review Committee last September. After six meetings and some heated public input, the committee submitted a list of pros and cons to the council and said they had come to the consensus that the council should proceed with the charter revisions. They were unable to agree on whether the three positions should appear on a single ballot or one at a time.

Phyllis Lyon, an issue of quantity vs. quality, Charter Review Committee Chair Tony Caine told the council. As elected officials, councilmembers establish policy, deliberate in

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## City council declines action on school policy

Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The City Council will not adopt policy on public and independent schools for El Cerrito. Council members indefinitely tabled a draft policy at its Monday meeting; the policy, as well as a set of proposed guidelines for policy implementation, had been drafted by the Planning Commission after three years of discussion.

The policy statement had included 10 points, including statements on the city's "welcoming" of schools in neighborhoods and of non-residents as students, the requirement of use permits for independent schools (the city has no control over public schools), extra curricular activity, and environmental effects on the immediate

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## Caltrans promises a quick fix near Del Norte BART station

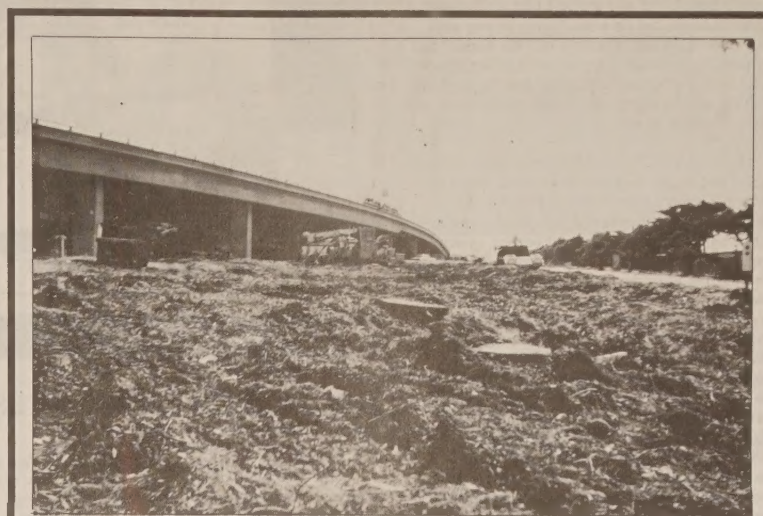
Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A temporary sidewalk will finally be created on the east side of San Pablo Avenue north of the Del Norte BART station. Dick Harris, construction engineer for the California Department of Transportation, told the City Council Monday night he would order a contractor to put the sidewalk in place until construction in the area is complete.

Caltrans is widening San Pablo Avenue to three lanes between Hill Street and Cutting Boulevard. The project includes widening of the street paving, as well as curb gutter and sidewalk replacement.

Harris came to the March 4 meeting to provide the council with a general update on Caltrans' freeway widening activity. After discussing the status of two freeway onramps, he said the sidewalk was really "the most difficult issue."

"That's been out a long time, and I'm embarrassed



Greg Hugunin

## Changes ahead for Albany interchange

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — More than 100 trees were cut down at the Buchanan Street interchange this month in preparation for Caltrans' massive freeway widening project, which is slated to begin at the Albany interchange in May.

The \$72 million project, spanning the East Bay corridor and estimated for completion by mid-to-late 1999, will involve drastic changes to the existing freeway system in Albany.

A new high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane will be added in each direction, the I-80/I-580 transfer will be reconfigured so that traffic merges to the right instead of the left and the Pierce Street on-ramp and exit will be permanently closed. Commuters can expect traffic backups as one and two lanes at a time will be shut down on the already busy

freeway section, with an occasional closure of all lanes slated for the wee hours of the morning.

Also involved in the project are construction of a portion of the Bay Trail and restoration of Codornices Creek near Golden Gate Fields.

Not everyone is happy about all aspects of the project, though. Some Albany residents who were involved in its planning are shaking their heads as to why more than 100 pine, eucalyptus and acacia trees were felled in the shadow of the Buchanan Street interchange.

"We kept asking why and what they were going to cut down," said Bob Arnold, a member of the Waterfront Committee. "We never got straightforward answers. That's typical of dealing with Caltrans — it drives you up the wall."

Caltrans, however, maintains that the tree cutting was a necessary evil. "We don't have a lot of room to play with," said Reza Sirafinejad,

public information representative for Caltrans. "It's such a big project we have to make room for equipment."

According to Sirafinejad, the tree cutting was also necessary to make room for the new portion of the I-80/I-580 connector, and was done with full permission of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the city of Albany. Trees on the western side of the interchange were cut down in mid-February to comply with the Federal Migratory Bird Act, which mandates that such actions be taken before traveling birds have a chance to nest. The trees will now be chipped and used as mulch.

Overall, though, the project should make the freeway both

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## 'I hope we sent a message to Caltrans that what happened around Del Norte is unacceptable.'

—NORMA JELLISON, EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

to say it's cost a lot of inconvenience," he said. "Frankly, it's our fault."

According to Harris, it was internal miscommunication that caused Caltrans to begin construction on the sidewalk late last summer before needed work on the underlying utilities had been addressed.

PG&E, which runs power lines under the sidewalk, and Pacific Bell, which has a cable line running the entire section, were not informed of the upcoming Caltrans work.

"The utility companies didn't relocate the utilities before we started construction. When we tore it out, the construction division... discovered the utilities," said Harris, who attributes the

fact that utility companies are now "having a hard time gathering up their forces to redesign and do things" to their own internal downsizing.

"We've been after them," he said. "... Mori Struve has been after us..."

Struve, the city's maintenance and engineering supervisor, said later that Caltrans recognized early on it was going to be dealing with a six- or eight-month delay. He has regularly contacted Caltrans to see what progress is being made.

The agency did pave small paths from the corner of the BART parking lot to the street. Those who wish to travel lengthwise between the two streets must either walk across the

## Boundary plan unveiled

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — About 50 residents attended a school district board hearing on newly-proposed school boundaries Tuesday night. The meeting at El Cerrito High School was the second of five "progressive" meetings, designed to gather input and gradually fine tune — or change — boundaries drafted following a similar series of community meetings earlier this year.

School superintendent Herb Cole told audience members that, though discussion concerning school boundaries had already been underway, a court case prompted a speeded-up timing for the project.

Cole's response came in answer to the comments of several citizens, who questioned the value of establishing new boundaries when they believe questions of school quality and equity are more significant. Cole plans to establish a series of community meetings to work on equity questions once the boundary issues are settled.

Audience members were provided with a variety of charts showing the proposed boundary lines and different statistical information, including racial and ethnic distribution. District staff member Anna Blackman spent some time explaining the ethnic distribution charts, which are divided into seven categories: American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, Afro-American, Filipino, Hispanic, Pacific Islander and White.

"One of the criteria we used when setting the boundaries is that we don't unduly upset the ethnicity," she said.

According to Blackman, schools are not expected to change more than a few percentage points in ethnic distribution with any of the proposed boundary options.

She noted that elementary schools will necessarily reflect the neighborhood; ethnic balance can be somewhat controlled through transfer policies, however.

"With middle schools and high schools, you can kind of control the racial balance by what elementary schools you allow to feed in," she said.

"Feeder schools" are a second dimension of the boundaries re-drawing, though all school board members are not expected to be supportive of the concept. Karen Fenton has already said she will not support it.

Four alternative feeder patterns have been proposed. Of those affecting El Cerrito High School, the alternatives for Mira Vista Elementary were probably the most

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Eleven Albany Teen Center members took off for a snowboarding extravaganza Feb. 16 along with two city staff members at Donner Ridge Ski Resort. Taking part in the excursion (left to right): Manuel Guima, Raul Valenzuela, Teen Services Coordinator Leah Smalley, Daniel Kim, Patrick Vance, recreation specialist Christopher Lewis, Yaw Yladom, Rachel Wiley, Russell Gonzalez, Graham Vittum, Carrie Hoskins, Holly Jackson and Victor Jimenez.

## Albany School Board facing residents' middle school woes

Newly released traffic study projects some increase in traffic, parking requirements

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — Neighborhood frustration over the school district's proposed new middle school was brought to bear at the School Board meeting last Tuesday when area residents voiced concerns about the school's impact.

About a half dozen residents spoke at the meeting, repeating predications of increased traffic and decreased neighborhood safety resulting from the proposed school. Residents have also appeared before the City Council and Traffic and Safety Commission to voice their complaints.

"Really the thing we are concerned about is that you at the new middle school be a good neighbor," resident Bob Blum said.

The school is projected to house between 700 and 750 students on a 3.5 acre site on Brighton and Spokane avenues (formerly the hill lumber property). The school will be built adjacent to Cougar Field in the residential neighborhood.

The middle school was on the school board's agenda as a discussion item to talk about the framework to be used in devising a district-wide master plan to direct future facility work.

The next step toward realizing that goal is tonight's District Facilities Committee meeting, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in the Cornell School Library, when a progress report of facilities work to be done from each school site is set for review.

In discussing the middle school last Tuesday, Superintendent Dale

Hudson said the district will hold informal group meetings with area residents to discuss areas of concern.

"The purpose of these is for smaller groups. We hope to have a kind of engaging discussion that you really can't have in larger groups," Hudson said.

Blum, as a neighbor who has offered to host such a meeting, advised board members to take neighborhood suggestions seriously.

"It's very clear that traffic problems are going to go way up if something careful is not done to alleviate the problem," he said.

Aside from increased traffic during morning and afternoon peak hours, residents fear increased speeding on the street, double and other illegal parking during student drop-offs and pick-ups, danger to pedestrian traffic and increased litter on their streets.

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# Marching in like a lamb brings nostalgia for an authentic spring

MARCH CAME IN LIKE a lamb and you know what that means. Of course, as it is with politics, religion and all of life's big topics, when you talk about the weather you have to define your terms. One man's lion is another man's pussycat.

Albany's definition of lion-weather is some rainy days, an occasional gust up to 20 miles per hour, a branch down here, a sewer overflow there and the rest all lambshine. The axioms about a sailor's delight and the like came way before we threw down our snow shovels and moved to this lotus land.

If the snowflakes on the television weather maps are right, there are still a lot of people in Buffalo who know a roaring lion when they see one.

NOSTALGIA FOR AN AUTHENTIC spring came over me when I saw my old home town on teevee this week. They made the big news there by banning baggy pants in the high school. By coincidence I was wearing the very banned pants as I watched. Of course they mispronounced my town's name. It's not "Tchard-own" but "Shard"-un" — Chardon, Ohio.

Chardon is no stranger to getting its name in the paper. The Cleveland Plain Dealer probably still prints its picture every winter as the coldest place in Ohio. The icy wind, starting at the Arctic Ocean, blows full blast over the Beaufort Sea, down across Canada, across Lake Erie, past Cleveland and drops its snow on my town, the first hill it hits. All the more snow angels, fox and geese, sledding down Court Street, ice skating on the pond and tobogganning in the woods for us, we said.

EARLY IN MARCH COMES A momentary thaw, not enough to put away your mackinaw, snow pants, boots, mittens and ear muffs but enough to cause the sap to rise in the sugar maple trees that fill the town square and populate the woods surrounding Chardon.

So time for the annual trip to the sugar bush. The trees are tapped by driving a spile into the trunks at 10-year-old eye level and buckets are hung on them to catch the drip-drip-dripping sap. Timing is everything because once the trees start to bud they claim the sugar for themselves and the sap turns bitter.

Allen Sage's father drives a one-horse sledge



By Phyllis Lyon

through snow and mud from tree to tree emptying the buckets into a vat. In the middle of the woods there's a crude hut and inside a blazing fire with a series of large, flat tin pans, higher on one end. The cold virgin sap is poured into the highest pan. As it boils, the water evaporates, it grows heavier, is let from pan to pan and comes out the other end maple syrup, ready to be drizzled on the snow and eaten. Treat of treats.

THIS LEADS TO CHARDON'S other claim to fame: The Maple Festival. Every early April the citizens put up a huge building with booths in front of the court house and for four days sell maple syrup in gallon tins, pint bottles, creamy maple candy and sugary maple leaves. One year the building blew down with a horrible roar while I was across the street watching "I Was a Prisoner in A Chain Gang" starring Paul Muni.

For several innocent years my participation in The Festival was confined to helping stir and package candy in the basement, serving cake at the Golden Wedding party or just standing around watching the wood-chopping contests and the glass blowers. One year I played a Chippewa Indian in a two-shows-a-day historic tableau in the gym. I lurked behind a cardboard tree while our socialite, Pearl Pease, sang her own lyrics to the tune of "The Blue Danube."

THAT WAS BEFORE I turned entrepreneur. With big city cars in gridlock on our streets, I rented out my front and side yards as a parking lot at 50 cents a pop. I picked and sold pussy willows on Main Street for 75 cents a bunch. I worked as a waitress in a tent where a woman dressed up as Aunt Jemima made flapjacks and I bought the best-looking raincoat I've ever had with my \$7 earnings.

BUT WHEN THE OHIO GIRL feels as if the winter will never end, it's not the sugar bush or The Festival that revives the believer within her little psyche. It's the memory of that first crocus coming up through the snow when no birds sing that does it. Some things are more than merely unforgettable.



## Police Reports

## BART path driver arrested after hitting tree

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 3 a.m.

on March 2 Albany officers responded to a call from El Cerrito police that they were chasing a vehicle whose driver was suspected of driving while under the influence. The vehicle was spotted by Albany officers while it was traveling along the BART path just before it crashed into a tree, uprooting it, and hitting a stop sign. The driver was arrested. City crews were called to clean up the damage.

Thieves smashed the window of a car parked on the 500 block of Pierce Street on the night of Feb. 26, stole an Alpine car stereo and departed unseen.

On the afternoon of Feb. 26 Albany officers were called because a Richmond woman was attempting to cash a "bad" check at the Beverages & More! business on San Pablo Avenue. She was contacted and found to have an arrest warrant from Berkeley. The check she was attempting to cash was on a closed account. She was arrested, cited and later released.

A Berkeley man was arrested when he attempted to collect on an altered lottery ticket at a local business on San Pablo Avenue on the evening of Feb. 26. He was arrested and booked.

Thieves entered the rear yard of a residence on the 900 block of Kains Avenue, stole various items and departed unseen on the afternoon of Feb. 26.

On the afternoon of Feb. 26 an El Cerrito man reported that

after taking his car to a local car wash he discovered his cellular phone missing.

Between 2 p.m. on Feb. 23 and 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 24 unknown thieves attempted to break into a residence on the 1000 block of Nielsen Street by cutting the screen door and paying the door jamb. They departed before gaining entry.

Just after midnight on Feb. 27 two Berkeley men were stopped after leaving the scene of an accident in the upper parking lot at Golden Gate Fields. The driver of the car was found to be intoxicated and was arrested to be released when sober.

Between 7 p.m. on Feb. 27 and 7 a.m. on Feb. 28 vandals broke into a 1987 Chevy parked on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue, prowled the interior and departed unseen.

On the afternoon of Feb. 28 two Albany boys were contacted after a report that they were smoking marijuana. A very small amount of marijuana and a pipe were found in the possession of one of the boys. The pipe and marijuana were confiscated. Officers were unable to contact the parents of the boys.

At about 2:30 a.m. on Feb. 29 a Richmond man was stopped on the 1000 block of Stannage for riding his bike without a headlight. He was found to have an outstanding warrant from Oakland for possession of drugs. He was arrested and held for Oakland police to pick up.

On the morning of Feb. 29

Albany officers located a 1987 Chevy Cheyenne parked on the 1100 block of Kains Avenue. It had been reported as stolen from Sacramento. The vehicle had been damaged and the owner notified.

On the morning of Feb. 29 thieves pried open the trunk of a Toyota parked on the 1500 block of Posen Street setting off an alarm. They fled unseen.

At about 12:30 a.m. on Feb. 2 Albany officers responded to an alarm at a local car wash on a Point Richmond man in the buildings. He was arrested for possession of marijuana during booking.

On the morning of Feb. 29 unknown thieves broke into an Acura parked on the 900 block of Madison Street, stole the cassette-CD player and departed unseen.

On the afternoon of Feb. 28 officers responded to a report of four 14-year-old boys, the Albany and one from El Cerrito in the tree area near the tree. They had a Daisy BB gun. The gun was confiscated and the boys admonished.

During the week of Feb. 28 Albany officers reported three people at their response to 17 false alarms. Seven people were lost or deceased, seven people who were out of their home or responded to four barking dogs.

## Letters to the Editor

### Developing rift?

Editor:

Why is Albany City Attorney Robert Zweben now saying that it was absolutely "hideous" that Ladbrooke spent nearly a quarter of a million dollars on the campaign in support of Measure F? Imagine my surprise when I heard him say just that at a Jan. 30 meeting of West Berkeley residents who gathered to discuss their concerns about the adverse environmental and social impacts of Albany's plan to build a 24-hour-a-day cardroom with up to 150 tables at Golden Gate Fields? Could it be Mr. Zweben now recognizes that Ladbrooke's money unfairly skewed the election results, that Ladbrooke, in effect, "bought" the favorable vote on its cardroom project? Why else would he call the Ladbrooke contributions — which are otherwise perfectly legal and proper — "hideous?"

Could it be that a rift is developing in the ranks of Albany city officials who have so steadfastly supported "Casino Ladbrooke?" While that would be refreshing, I doubt it. I suspect that Mr. Zweben is just saying the expedient thing to try to placate those uppity West Berkeley residents who have recently begun to complain — very loudly — that they were unjustly excluded from the "fast track" public hearing process Albany officials used to railroad their cardroom project through in the summer of 1994.

Suzanne Murphy  
Albany

### School architect responds

Editor:

We and our structural engineer have had an opportunity to review Mr. Carlo Ferretti's letter to the editor of *The Journal* dated Feb. 1. There are a

number of statements that Mr. Ferretti makes in his letter that misrepresent facts and that we would like to correct.

First, Mr. Ferretti states that on Nov. 28, 1995, Mr. Bill Lignell, an expert on window technology, stated "Whereas the window frames, that now merely hold the glass in place, under heavy shaking will separate from the glass and release it in an explosive manner." I attended that meeting and at no time during that meeting did Mr. Lignell state that the glass would be released in an explosive manner. Mr. Lignell did indicate that if a window was not designed to withstand lateral loads properly it could fail. Through further discussions with Mr. Lignell, he stated that if a failure were to occur it would normally fall in a near vertical manner from the plane in which the glass was originally installed. In some cases, the glass remains in the opening, and in others, certain fragments of the glass become disengaged and fall to the nearest horizontal surface. It should be noted that there has been very little life-safety risk associated with glass failure. This is evidence by the lack of requirements in the current building codes.

Second, Mr. Ferretti states that Cornell Elementary School and Albany High School are non-ductile concrete frame buildings that are too brittle to flex and are not designed to withstand the repeated bending and swaying motions an earthquake causes.

In the case of Cornell Elementary School, a structural evaluation was presented to the School Board on June 21, 1995 by Randy Wiley, a structural engineer. In his presentation he specifically stated that Cornell Elementary is primarily a wood frame building with concrete shear walls and is not a non-ductile concrete frame

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By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Two female suspects threatened to shoot a Massachusetts man Feb. 22 at 8:32 p.m. on the BART path north of Lincoln Avenue. One of the suspects took \$30 from the victim's pocket before they both fled on foot. Both are described as in their late teens, though no details are available on the second suspect.

The first is described as a white woman, 5-feet 3-inches to 5-feet 4-inches tall, 200 pounds, with long blonde hair; she was wearing dark clothing.

False bomb threats were received by both Payless and Pastime Hardware on the morning of Feb. 25.

A Richmond youth was confronted by three juvenile suspects on the BART path between Eureka and Liberty street between 8 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. Feb. 7. One pulled a knife and scratched him; a fight ensued, and the suspects fled.

Three juvenile suspects took merchandise from Payless, pushing it under a fence. When confronted by a store employee, one of the suspects hit him with a baseball bat. The incident occurred at about 3:20 p.m. March 1.

An unknown suspect hit a transient man in the face with a board at about 5:10 a.m. Feb. 19 in a lot in the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue.

An unidentified man grabbed a fanny pack off the arm of a

woman on Blake Street between San Pablo Avenue and Kearney Street at about 6:43 p.m. Feb. 16. He is described as a black male, 25 to 30 years of age, 5-feet 7-inches tall, 160 pounds, wearing a blue nylon jogging jacket, dark slacks and a dark baseball cap.

An unidentified male juvenile grabbed a purse from a woman at FoodsCo, knocking her to the ground. He fled without the purse; the incident occurred at about 6 p.m. Feb. 28.

Three domestic incidents were reported.

Two arrests were made for driving under the influence: an El Sobrante man at San Pablo and Hill at 1:18 a.m. Feb. 22 and an Oakland man on Cutting between Hill and Fairview at 12:38 a.m. Feb. 29.

Two dogs were reported stolen from a backyard in the 1300 block of Elm Street on the afternoon of Feb. 20.

Someone forced open an apartment door in the 10900 block of San Pablo Avenue on the evening of Feb. 24; the burglar took electronic equipment.

A residential door was pried open in the 2700 block of Arlington Boulevard during the night of Feb. 21; a silver set was reported stolen.

A burglar took cash, jewelry and electronic equipment from a home in the 6200 block of Cypress on the afternoon or evening of Feb. 28; a window was removed for entry.

A truck/trailer belonging to CAJ Electrical was broken between Feb. 26 and 28; the incident occurred on San Pablo Avenue near Huber.

Gamco was burglarized; a weapon was taken.

Auto burglaries and property thefts from vehicles reported in the 500 block during the night of Feb. 28 (stereo taken), the 2500 block (stereo taken), the 2500 block (indash), Hill Street between less and Eastshore Boulevard during the daytime Feb. 28 (clothing), the 7000 block (wheels), the 2000 block of Court at 11:10 p.m. Feb. 28 (airless sprayer; two mops seen), a lot in the 11100 block of San Pablo Avenue on the night of Feb. 27 (cellular phone), a lot in the 11100 block of Feb. 18;

the 6400 block of Court Avenue during the night of Feb. 28 (wallet), the 6300 block of Court Avenue during the same night (amplifier), the 2400 block of Court Avenue during the morning hours of Feb. 28 (player and adapters), the 2400 block of Court Avenue during the morning of Feb. 25 (miscellaneous items), the 6500 block of Court Avenue during the night of Feb. 18 (miscellaneous items), the 6500 block of Court Avenue during the night of Feb. 18;

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## Newsline

### Making a home

EL CERRITO — American Association of University Women will host Suki Mwendwa, Professor of Design from the University of Nairobi, Kenya, and doctoral student at UC Berkeley.

Join members and friends for a continental breakfast as Professor Mwendwa uses a slide presentation of the design of homes to show what makes a home.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 9, at 9:30 a.m., Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito.

For additional information, call Miriam Oshiro, 526-1127.

### Kids put on plays

EL CERRITO — What happens when a jester runs out of jests? What happens when people just do not want to be involved?

These questions and more will be answered when the Senior Elementary Class (ages 9-13) at Bright Star Montessori School present two short plays, *The Last Trail* and *The In-Group*.

The two plays, produced and acted by the students, will be presented at Bright Star on Friday, March 8, from 7 to 8 p.m.

For additional information, call Bright Star at 523-5330.

### Leaders back Friedman

RICHMOND — Representatives of several influential organizations declared their support last Tuesday for Mark Friedman for state assembly. Some of the groups endorsing Friedman supported his opponent, Jim Rogers, in his successful bid for a Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors seat in 1994.

Organizations declaring their support for Friedman include: the Richmond Police Officers Association, the Black Men and Women of Richmond, the Baptist Ministers Conference, the United Teachers of Richmond, the Contra Costa Building Trades Council, the Council of Industries and individual businesses and community leaders.

—Dawn Frasier

### City offers new tennis classes

ALBANY — The city of Albany Recreation and Community Services Department is offering adult and junior tennis classes for beginner through advanced players. The spring session begins this week. Albany Junior Tennis Team has been formed for minor players 14 and under who are intermediate-level players.

Lessons are two hour per week for three weeks. The class fee is \$46 for Albany residents and \$49 for non-residents.

For more information, call the Albany Recreation Department at 524-9283 or stop by the Recreation Office, located at 1249 Marin Ave. in Albany.



## Volunteer drivers sought

ALBANY — The city of Albany Senior Services has offered shopping trips by van to Lucky's and Safeway for 15 years. Drivers for this service are volunteers. There is an urgent need for more volunteers in order to fill the demand for service. If you can spare a couple of hours a week or every other week, please call the Albany Senior Center, 524-9122, and ask for Jean Allen. Albany Senior Services will begin Shopping Van service on Tuesdays to the El Cerrito Plaza Farmer's Market. Service already exists to the Plaza (Lucky's) on Wednesdays and to Safeway on Fridays. This expanded service will offer riders a wider variety of shopping opportunities. To get on the pickup list, Albany residents should call the Center at 524-9122 at least a day ahead of time. Cost for this service is \$1 round trip.

## Albany approves creek programs

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Continuing to move forward on several fronts to attain environmental protection goals, the City Council Monday night approved the preparation of one- and five-year programs to "daylight" and restore Codornices Creek at the city's southern border and Cerrito Creek on the north to clean and free-flowing waterways.

The Urban Creek Restoration and the Clean Water programs are two environmental efforts recently consolidated into the Community Development and Environmental Resources Department, formerly Public Works.

Environmental Resources Assistant Diamara Bach described for the council the educational outreach effort begun last year, accompanied by slides of creek cleaning done by community volunteers. Bach has been assisted in informational public meetings and school programs by two members of the federally-funded AmeriCorps/Waterwatch program.

At the instigation of Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky, a Joint Watershed Goals Agreement was signed last year by the mayors of Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito and Rich-

mond outlining creek clean-up plans.

The agreement committed the cities to removing culverts and other impediments to fish and animal migration, using creek corridors as routes for pedestrians and bicycles, eliminating polluted rainwater flowing into the creeks as well as obstructions preventing the rainwater from sinking into the ground and public education on the value of a healthy watershed.

The Clean Water program, an effort to keep residential toxics from flowing into the storm drains and thence into the bay, was initiated in the city three years ago as part of the Alameda County Urban Runoff Clean Water Program formed in 1988.

Although they are separate programs, urban creek restoration and clean water are "inextricably linked," according to Community Development and Environmental Resources Department Director Bill Ekern.

"The impact of urban development on creeks is vast. At least three of Albany's historically identified creeks are encased predominantly in concrete culverts," Ekern said. Paved streets, houses, driveways and creek piping

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## EC Garden Club institutes a new community contest

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito Garden Club has been working to beautify the community for 40 years. This spring, the club is continuing one beautification tradition and instituting another.

At its Monday night meeting, the El Cerrito City Council proclaimed Tuesday, March 12, as Arbor Day in El Cerrito; the garden club has celebrated the day each year by planting trees in different areas of the community, working with the city and involving school children in the ceremony.

This year, a dawn redwood will be planted in Arlington Park. Five student government leaders from Madera Elementary School and a kindergarten class from the Windrush School will participate.

Arbor Day honors Luther Burbank, California's famous horticulturist, and was established by the state legislature in 1909. Its purpose is to improve tree planting and care and to promote urban forestry through educational activities, publications and public service projects especially involving youth groups.

The public is invited to the event, which begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday; garden club member Winnie Sayre is its coordinator.

Club members hope their newest venture will also become an annual tradition. The first annual Sundar Shadi Garden Contest has been established as an inspiration to El Cerrito residents to participate in the club's community beautification goals.

The idea was sparked after Arlington Boulevard resident Sundar Shadi made a financial contribution to the club.

"Mr. Shadi asked us to figure out something creative we could do with it," said Julie Rogers, who is chairing the contest. "We came back to him with this idea, and he was delighted. He also said his own gardening efforts were sparked by a contest held in El Cerrito many years ago."

The club will offer a cash prize to the best garden in El Cerrito as judged by the El Cerrito Garden Club. (Club members are not eligible to enter.) The garden must be visible from the street or sidewalk; both businesses and residences are eligible.

The goal of the contest, said Rogers, is to encourage the creation of gardens like Shadi's, which is designed to provide pleasure to passing members of the public. Shadi's garden draws visitors from all over the area, both in the warm months when flowers create beautiful displays and during the Christmas holidays when he creates a Bethlehem scene all over the hillside lots adjacent to his home.

Shadi is a horticulturist by profession; he earned a bachelor's and a masters degree in subtropical horticulture.

"When I built a house here, I bought a couple of extra lots, so I'd have lots of room to work," he said. "I was interested in gardening and tried all different types of flowers."

It was in the 1950s that Shadi began creating his famous Christmas scenes; that led to an interest in large garden designs. Eventually, he began getting — and fulfilling — requests from organizations asking him to design their emblems with flowers. Among many others, he has recreated emblems for the El Cerrito Lions Club, the El Cerrito Rotary, the U.S. Marine Corps, the Boy Scouts of America and the Red Cross; again, the displays are a major public draw.

Shadi also decorates his lots for other holidays — a Halloween display, a cross at Easter, 15-plus turkeys during the Thanksgiving season.

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## Letters

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building. Although, he made several recommendations how the seismic characteristics of the building could be improved, he stated that the building is in relatively good shape.

Albany High School is a little more complicated. A structural evaluation was presented to the School Board on Oct. 30 1995 by Mr. Wiley. This campus has several buildings that were discussed in this report. It was noted that the Main Building and the Gymnasium were the only two buildings that would clearly benefit from a seismic retrofit.

The Main Building was built in four phases. The primary structure of each of the phases varied from phase-to-phase and has structural systems that include wood joist, steel joist, and concrete joist. All of the systems utilize concrete shear walls. During Mr. Wiley's presentation he stated that none of these systems could be considered a non-ductile concrete frame building. The structural engineer did make several recommendations how the seismic characteristics of this structure could be improved. The design process for the structural improvements are in their early stages and the structural engineer has been meeting with the State Architect to develop the design process for the seismic retrofit of this building.

The Gymnasium is a wood frame building with steel trusses and concrete shear walls. Mr. Wiley stated during his presentation that this structure could not be considered a non-ductile concrete frame building. Primarily the seismic retrofit of this building will involve improving the connection of the roof diaphragm to the exterior walls.

It should be noted that several structural engineers have reviewed these buildings in the past several years and all have had similar observations. In addition, it is our experience that the School District has been approaching this issue in an appropriate and prudent manner.

Ken Kerch  
DEEMS LEWIS MCKINLEY

### Consider preservation before purchase

The Journal received a copy of the following letter sent to Tom Burke, a reportedly potential buyer of property.

Dear Mr. Burke:

We have found out through the city of Albany's Planning Department that you are interested in buying the four acre site on the eastern slope of Albany Hill.

We want to alert you to three potential constraints on the development of the property that may be crucial for reflecting community values, the timing of development review and required information and analysis prior to City action on any application. These are outlined below.

Monarch Butterfly: Monarch butterfly roosting sites have been identified on Albany Hill. The Albany General Plan contains a policy of requiring residential development to consider the potential

impacts of these roosting sites (Policy CROS 3.2). Any development application filed should contain such an analysis, which, due to the migratory patterns of the Monarch, must be assessed over at least a one year period (during a Fall and Spring period of migration and roosting). We would urge the Planning Commission to consider such an assessment prior to final action on any development application.

Visual Impacts: This portion of Albany Hill is an important visual feature for Albany and the surrounding East Bay communities. It is visually significant for preserving view corridors from Taft and for buffering and considering views from off-site. Any development may have significant visual impacts and any building sites or removal of trees must consider this issue.

Geotechnical and Hydrology: The 1990 Final EIR for the Landvest Development identified an active landslide area in the center of the site. Since that report, during the past two winters there has been significant land sloughing with consequent risk to public improvements and the private property across the street on Jackson. Part of this problem is due to underlying soil conditions and part of it is due to existing drainage problems on the site. Any development application must carefully address these existing problems.

As chairpersons and members of the Friends of Albany Hill, we have been actively restoring Albany Hill along with the East Bay chapter of the California Native Plant Society. We have won Federal Urban Forestry grants for two consecutive years to support this work. We have established a trust fund at the Sierra Club Foundation for the purpose of receiving money for land acquisition and education projects and we have support throughout the East Bay, parts of Marin county and San Francisco. Furthermore, we won inclusion in the 1994 state park bond as a line item. In spite of the failure of that bond to pass statewide, it won in Albany and El Cerrito, indicating strong local support. We urge you to reconsider your plans to purchase and build on Albany Hill for all of the above reasons. The Easy Bay urban corridor will be forever enriched when our 'Island of Green' is secured for future generations.

Carole Fitzgerald  
Gay Dodson  
Save Albany Hill Trust Fund

### Action needed to save public transit

The Journal received a copy of the following letter addressed to public transit users.

If you depend on taking buses to get around the East Bay, or if you know people who do, it's time to act to save public bus transit.

AC Transit is set to make drastic cuts in evening, overnight and weekend service. During March, June and December, the district will cancel about a third of its routes and bus stops, with more cuts to follow next year. It also plans to raise fares.

Severe reductions in public transit will disrupt the

lives of those of us who cannot drive cars. We will be forced under curfew and trapped in our homes. Many of us will lose our jobs.

This is a serious emergency. We are facing the demise of what was formerly one of the most highly regarded transit districts in North America.

Several routes are slated for wholesale elimination, while others will be significantly slashed. Most buses will stop running either between 6 and 7 p.m., or between 9 and 10 p.m.

Only the most basic trunk lines will operate during evenings and on weekends. At those times, very few routes will run to and from BART stations, or until midnight. Riders will have to wait longer and transfer more often. Many neighborhoods in the district's service area will no longer be served during evening and weekend hours.

East Bay counties and cities must help bail out AC Transit, so that it can keep the buses rolling at the current level of service. Working with the district, they must also enlist the aid of local businesses and corporations.

The Oakland-based Metropolitan Transportation Commission must start funneling substantially more of its federal and state dollars into AC Transit's coffers. It must also begin lobbying more aggressively in Washington and Sacramento.

Observers say AC Transit could go bankrupt within the next five years, so there's no time to lose. We must act now to save the East Bay's largest urban public bus system.

Dave Mandell, Chair,  
Public Relations Committee

### Supports tax Initiative

Editor:

El Cerrito's city government has just announced a series of neighborhood meetings "to develop a response to a potential financial crisis," resulting from the closing of the Plaza Emporium and a state Supreme Court decision against local tax-raising.

At the same time, the California Tax Reform Association is leading a statewide coalition, including the California Congress of Seniors, to collect signatures for an initiative to stop an \$800 million a year income tax cut for the wealthiest 1.2 percent of state taxpayers. The "Local Control and Fiscal Responsibility Act" would restore an estimated \$13 million to Contra Costa county and city governments.

The ballot initiative will also help put tax issues back into the political debate and thus address the growing general inequality of wealth. Preliminary polling suggests that voters, regardless of party, will support the initiative.

For more information and participation, please contact the California Tax Reform Association/Tax Justice" campaign office at 415-284-7529; fax 800-325-1867; P.O. Box 460213, San Francisco 94146.

Art Schroeder  
El Cerrito

## Boundary

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controversial. All four alternatives would send Madera students to Adams for middle school. Two, however, then direct them to E.C.H.S. for high school; two would then direct them to Kennedy High School in Richmond.

Washington Elementary students also face an uncertain future under the draft proposal. Two alternatives would send them to Kennedy, two others to E.C.H.S. All four Washington students attending Portola Middle School would be assigned to Fairmont.

Under all four scenarios, Castro, Fairmont, Madera and Kensington elementary students would be assigned to E.C.H.S., with all schools except Madera feeding into Portola Middle School. Madera students would attend before heading to E.C.H.S.

In response to a question, district staff member Kosel said some schools should clearly be assigned to certain high schools. Others, like Mira Vista, could go either way.

Specific boundaries set generated less discussion. Quality of education and the transfer situation, comments generated were a suggestion that the "flats" be divided differently in order to allow for an ethnic mix and a recommendation that a small "flats" block in Richmond Annex be redrawn. The new proposal would send several blocks of students to Stege that are currently assigned to Fairmont. (Most Richmond Annex students continue to be assigned to Fairmont.)

In another change to the Fairmont boundaries, blocks currently assigned to Harding (Norvell blocks west) have been reassigned, as has the section bordered by Lincoln Avenue and Oak Street. The new proposal, all students west of Norvell and Central are assigned to Fairmont.

Harding has a significant reconfiguration. Students of Central Avenue (except those on Jacuzzi Avenue) assigned to Harding under the draft proposal. The boundary has moved somewhat west onto blocks currently assigned to Harding.

The draft Harding boundaries pick up several students, now that a portion of the western boundary has been moved to Norvell.

Moeser Lane forms the proposed Kensington northern boundary. Currently, there is a dip along Kensington border, with students in that "cut-off" assigned to Madera.

Castro Elementary has enlarged its boundaries to Moeser Lane, taking a significant amount of its current territory. Castro's current southern limit is Moeser Lane. Castro's area is currently a rectangle, with Castro San Pablo serving as northern and western borders. The new boundaries have been changed; students formerly in Stege, for example, have been proposed to be sent to Madera.

Madera boundaries have also changed significantly. The new boundaries moving significantly west.

Other changes are also proposed. A full packet of statistical information should be available at the time in the district tomorrow, Blackman said.

While ethnic distribution was an important element in the two main factors affecting the decision, the district's desires for neighborhood schools and the use of available buildings.

Audience members, however, reminded board that quality of education is important to parents.

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## West County School Watch

By Glen Price

## Volunteers get ready for NetDay96

NetDay96 is set for Saturday, March 9, when corporations, educators and citizen volunteers will wire California schools for Internet access.

John Gage, Director of Technology for Sun Microsystems and one of the co-founders of NetDay96, explained the need for this jump-start in communications capabilities. "The competition for jobs is worldwide and California can no longer afford to be the 49th state out of 50 in world exposure to technology in the schools." Today's students will need to be conversant in use of the Internet to be competitive in a global job market. Perhaps more importantly from an educational standpoint, the Internet and World Wide Web already contain a wealth of educational material available for use in classroom and home.

Gage and others decided to use the organizing power of the World Wide Web to focus volunteer energy on accomplishing the first step of readying schools for Internet access: the interior wiring the schools need to connect their computers to the network.

The project is totally decentralized. Gage and fellow organizers have built Web pages for 12,000 schools in California, including all schools within the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

According to Gage, volunteers and sponsors simply, "find the Web page for the school you want to volunteer for, and volunteer."

That's all there is to it - your name, your e-mail address, and any comments you want to make about the school now appear attached to the school home page. [This] allows the school to contact you and organize what happens on the day." (The web address for NetDay96 is [www.netday96.com](http://www.netday96.com).)

In the West Contra Costa Unified School District, over 75 parents and community members have volunteered to

help by leaving messages directly on their school's NetDay96 Web pages. Typical among these is Craig Thomas, a software engineering professional for a company producing Internet-related software products who has volunteered to help at El Cerrito High and Fairmont Elementary schools. He notes, "I am enthusiastic about the prospect of making the Internet available as a resource to teachers and students in schools throughout the world. NetDay96, a volunteer effort, is the only effort I have become aware of that will take steps to make Internet access a reality at my neighborhood's schools."

Despite strong parent and community interest, school district support for NetDay96 activities has yet to fully materialize. Most volunteers who have left messages on school web pages had not yet been contacted at press time. One said, "The WCCUSD administration has missed the boat on NetDay96." David Zhao, a Pinole Valley High alumnus now studying at UC Berkeley, reported that, after not hearing anything for several weeks after volunteering on the net, he "called the school, but no one seems to hear about nor understand this event." Some faculty members have reported delays getting approvals for plans from district administration.

## Community "barnraisings"

Although lacking in central support, many NetDay96 activities in the district are moving forward. J. Ricketson of Richmond says he plans to "show up with a complete set of tools at 0800 at Riverside School, report to who/whatever is in charge, and do whatever I can to move the project to completion."

Describing his motivation, Ricketson says, "I am a neighbor (two blocks

away). I am old, and old-fashioned. I started off in a one-room schoolhouse across the creek from me in upstate New York. It was maintained by its community of 300 people. I have grandchildren in the Santa Rosa schools. I hope someone there is volunteering their services for them. I have considerable handyman and phone installation skills, and an in-depth knowledge of codes."

Some schools, like Stewart Elementary in Pinole, have already held several wiring parties and may hold another one on March 9. Others are using NetDay as a focal point for future organizing activities. Roddy Lee, Technology Mentor at El Cerrito High School, says that he, "plan[s] to participate in some sort of NetDay activities, but at a later date. My plans are to visit a NetDay site on March 9 and see what type of activities and support that site is getting, in turn use that information for our own NetDay."

At Kensington Elementary, kindergarten teacher Phyllis Burch has been the sparkplug for NetDay activities which, to date, have resulted in a parent/faculty committee drafting a comprehensive technology plan for presentation to the larger school community.

In addition to her demanding teaching duties, Burch herself has authored a web page which specializes in resources for kindergarten and first-grade teachers. Her web page is itself a powerful argument for the kinds of resources the Internet can put in the hands of teachers, parents and students.

## Sponsorship needed

NetDay organizers like Gage of Sun have challenged businesses in the high-tech community, both large and small, to step forward and provide the resources, human and financial, to make NetDay happen. The basic NetDay package required to wire five classrooms, a computer lab, and a library costs between \$350 and \$500. Schools are on their own

to secure sponsorship and most West County schools contacted have yet to link with a sponsor. If you can help provide part or all of a NetDay package, look up your neighborhood school on the NetDay Web page or simply give them a call.

Most everyone agrees that the wiring to occur on Saturday or thereafter is simply a first step in a longer-term effort to connect our schools to this important educational resource. Judging by the enthusiasm of the volunteers, NetDay96 is bound to be the first of many "net-raising[s]" in our schools.

## Boundary discussion heats up

At press time the district's initial presentation of new boundaries had just been held at Kennedy High School, with the second presentation scheduled for March 5 at El Cerrito High School. The Kennedy presentation sparked renewed community concerns regarding the "boundarying" process and what types of impacts it will ultimately produce. I will dedicate this space next week to this issue and look forward to hearing your ideas and perspectives. Additional School Boundary Public Meetings are currently scheduled for Richmond High School Little Theatre (tonight), De Anza High School Cafeteria (March 12) and Pinole Valley High School Gymnasium (March 14). All meetings begin at 7 p.m.

This weekly column explores news and events impacting public education in West Contra Costa County. We pay particular attention to the activities of local schools, parent and community organizations working to strengthen public education, and the actions of the WCCUSD School Board. Call me at 528-1315 with items for this column or e-mail me at [akglen@aol.com](mailto:akglen@aol.com). Please send me information regarding PTA or other school organization meeting dates, special events open to the public, and ideas for items you would like to see covered.

## Albany orchestra set for annual Winter Concert

ALBANY — The Albany Community Orchestra will present its annual Winter Concert on Tuesday evening, March 12.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater at Albany High School. Admission is free.

Featured soloist will be Joseph Lahr, trumpeter, performing the "Variations in F" for trumpet and orchestra by Friedrich Dionysus Weber.

This historic work is reported to be the first written for the keyed trumpet, invented by Weber in 1819.

Applying keys to the trumpet enabled that instrument to play the entire chromatic scale, a great improvement over the traditional trumpet of that time, which was severely limited as to the tones produced.

Soloist Joseph Lahr, a resident of Albany, has served as the orchestra's principal trumpet for the past four years.

When not playing the trumpet Dr. Lahr is a family medical practitioner.

He is the father of three musical daughters active in youth music groups.

The orchestra, conducted by Ernest Douglas, will also perform Mozart's Overture to "La Clemenza di Tito," three movements from "Capriccio Espagnol" by Rimsky-Korsakoff, and a group of 16th century dances for string orchestra: the "Capriol Suite" arranged by Peter Warlock.

The 56-member Albany Community Orchestra is made up of amateur musicians from throughout the Bay Area, and is sponsored by the Albany Adult School.



## Engaged to wed

Ingrid Batiste and Michael Hunt will be wed May 11 at the Grace Cathedral in San Francisco with a reception following at the Fairmont Hotel. Ingrid is the daughter of Berwick and Pearl Batiste of El Cerrito and is a graduate of Holy Names High School in Oakland and the University of the Pacific in Stockton. She is an independent software engineering consultant and Opinions Database Design. Michael is the son of Oliver and Medra Hunt of Rancho Palos Verdes. He is a graduate of Rolling Hills High School and Long Beach State University and currently works as a software engineer for TRW.

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## Retired teacher-turned-artist is living her dream

Trudy Vilaska loves to try different media in her art, but only one of these, her works in pastel, will be on exhibit at the Albany Community Center through June 9.

Because of her interest in experiments and differing approaches, it was fun to tour her home and her studio, as I did recently. Certainly her pastels are lovely, and will be enjoyed by everyone seeing them on exhibit, but I also enjoyed the experimentation and even daring with which she approached other media.

Trudy Vilaska comes from a very artistic family, although for most of them music is the medium. And it was for Trudy, also, in her younger years.

She was born and brought up in Lennox, Mass. The family lived there because of its musical location, the summer home of the Boston Symphony. As noted, theirs was a musical family. In fact one brother was a professional flutist with the symphony orchestra. Indeed, Trudy and her siblings started their musical education at Tanglewood.

But her interest soon turned to art, and by the time she graduated from college she had decided to become a textile designer. Her timing was bad, however. The market was flat at the time, and it was difficult for someone just out of college to break into the field. She did get

a job with Dan River designing plaids, within six months "my eyes had almost given out."

Greeting cards were her next try, and "I was trotting around with a portfolio of greeting cards, and came close to selling one to Tiffany's." A man from one greeting card company said, "I want to show this to my partner," and went behind a screen. The following year they were showing every one of her designs.

So, she took a job at the Metropolitan Museum in public relations, "a wonderfully exciting and exhilarating place to work." She worked with photographers such as Harry Abrams, with fashion models and other exciting people. It lasted for five years — until she felt a need to advance herself. "I really wanted a ladder for moving up."

At Lever Brothers she wrote brochures and publicity material. Then for a manufacturing company she did TV writing, wrote for magazines, and did some art work to support the TV program. And she did reviews of "coffee table art" for the magazine *Artist*.

When she and her husband decided to come west, she found that there were not many of the same type of jobs, so she went into teaching. And teaching, with long Christmas vacations, seminars, and time in the spring,

seemed a perfect time to start a family. "I went into teaching for all the wrong reasons," she says, "and then realized that this was really the thing I wanted to do."

She got her first job in Benicia, using a provisional credential, because she had not yet gotten her California credential. And it was wonderful. They started their family during this time, both



Trudy Vilaska

children being born in June, so they had the whole summer with them.

When she started teaching in Albany they bought a home here and have lived here for 25 years, "loving every year of it. We are very grateful that the children had an excellent education." She taught in Marin School, moved

to Cornell, then to the basement of the high school while the new Marin School was being built, then back to Marin.

"I have lots of energy," she says, "but between bringing up children and teaching, I did not even think of art work for years." But now that the children have lives of their own away from home, and she is retired from teaching, art has become most important to her. In fact, when she retired the PTA gave her a certificate from Amsterdam Art to help her get started.

She took up her cultural life, also, ushering for the symphony, opera and ballet. "It's a very full life," she reports, happily. "My calendar is so full. But I do miss the camaraderie of teaching, especially teaching art and music to young people who are so enthusiastic."

Asked about teaching art, she smiled. "I gave them the elements of my college freshman course in the elements of design. It included at least one lesson in color, line, shape, texture, patterns, etc." She started each lesson with a short bio of a famous artist, and some reproductions of that artist's work. In music she did the same thing with composers. And she would play their music while the students were doing other

## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



school work. "That was the finest part of my teaching."

So now, retired, Trudy Vilaska is living her dream — the cultural life she loves, and the art she had neglected for so long. And the acceptance of her art is equally thrilling. She has had solo exhibits at the University of California YWCA, the El Cerrito Main Library, and the Epworth Church Meeting Room. She has entered selected invitational group exhibits, and has paintings now in several private collections.

This is happiness.

I regret that I often receive notices of events or classes that sound wonderful, but have not been given enough lead time to be able to include them in these columns.

For example, the Bay Area Alternatives to Violence Project. They are having workshops based on the idea "that each of us can do something to reduce the presence of violence — at work, at church, in school, even on streets." The dates are March 8/9 and 10/11. Call Diana Bracy, 524-3000 for more information.

It was Marta Wirrik, son Jake was in Trudy's class who called me about Trudy Vilaska, and I thank her.

And I invite all of you to the same. Please give me interesting people, even. Write to me at 555 Pierce #443, Albany 94706, or 525-4585.

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## Albany PTA Council News

By Peggy Thow

## Community support needed for NetDay96

The newly organized PTA Council Technology Committee is helping publicize this weekend's NetDay '96 activity in Albany. NetDay '96, despite the name, represents more than a single day's work. The

goal is to wire five classrooms and the library at each school site, making them capable of Internet connections. In Albany, organizers have focused on the Middle School, which will in a few years become an elementary school. The AMS Library volunteers will install and test the needed cable wiring. (The new middle school will be built already wired.)

Volunteers from local businesses can support NetDay activities by providing skilled work or by sponsoring (donating money for) NetDay "kits,"

which each site needs to buy at an approximate cost of \$500. Volunteers or donors should get in touch with Jim Freese at the Middle School (559-6540) or Sarah Merrill, principal of Vista-MacGregor (559-6650).

There's a list of volunteers for schools other than the Middle School, and they will be needed once NetDay kits have been purchased for each site.

Parents interested in reaching the PTA Council Technology Committee can call Sarah Samonsky at 524-1754.)

According to information from the Internet at NetDay96.com, this effort has no central office, no address, no telephone or fax number, no

paid staff, and no meetings. It is a "virtual organization." Netday '96 aims to prepare the infrastructure of each school by wiring the site with special cable wire (hence the kits).

However, this wire represents only a third of what's needed to actually connect students with the Internet. Computers must still be connected to one end of the cables, and an Internet provider must be connected to the other end. It's up to the school to provide all of this, and these things are not cheap.

In other words, Netday '96 is just a beginning. But if successful, it will provide millions of dollars' worth of volunteer work, as well as a reminder of how quickly the times are changing.

## Meetings This Week

**Albany Middle School PTA** meets tonight, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. Parents of fifth-graders are invited to hear answers to "Elementary Questions About AMS." Parents may submit questions in advance to the AMS PTA mailbox in the Middle School office.

**Puzzled about the March 26 election?** On Sunday, March 10, at 10 a.m. at the Northbrae Church, 921 The Alameda, Berkeley, the League of Women Voters will present impartial information about the ballot measures. One measure, Prop. 203, holds long-term implications for our schools. It asks voters to approve money for repair of decaying school

buildings. If successful, Prop. 203 may inspire a more comprehensive November ballot measure for rebuilding school facilities.

**Albany High School PTA** meets Monday, March 11, at 7 p.m. AHS Counselor Jim Walker will talk about choosing courses for next year. All AHS parents are cordially invited.

Monday, March 11, and Tuesday, March 12, are **Respect Days** at AHS. Students will view *Skin Deep*, the movie about racial tolerance that was screened to the Albany community last December by Albany Families for Multicultural Education. The students will gather in discussion groups after the film.

**Albany Board of Education** meets Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Cornell's multi-use room.

**Albany Special Ed Parent Support Group** meets Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in the Cornell Library.

On Wednesday, March 13, Frances Kendall will speak on "Development of Racial and Gender Attitudes in Children," from 7:15 to 9 p.m. in Marin School's Multi-Use Room. The event is sponsored by the Parent Education Committees of Marin, Cornell and Vista-MacGregor schools. Child care and refreshments are provided.

**Marin PTA** meets Thursday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m.

**Vista School** holds its Book Fair from Monday, March 11, to Friday, March 15.

## EC High student takes first at west county science fair

By Dawn Frasier

**WEST COUNTY** — El Cerrito High School student Craig Pollack has won first place in the Math/Computers division for seniors at the 43rd annual West Contra Costa Science Fair. Pollack won first place at grade level in that division as a freshman, sophomore and junior; he is also a former grand prize winner.

This year's entry is called "Cycling Again?" It builds on his previous work with palindromes and other numbers. "Cycling Again?" also won the American Society for Quality Control Award.

Pollack now proceeds to the San Francisco Bay Area Science Fair in an attempt to set a new record and "sweep" his category at that fair for the fourth year in a row. In 1994, he also received the fair's Grand Award.

He has won numerous special awards at the Bay Area Fair over the past three years, including the United States Army Award, the San Francisco State University Mathematics Award, the National Council of Mathematics Teachers Award, the Alameda/Contra Costa Counties Mathematics Educators Award, and the Young Edison Society Award.

The WCC science fair features more than 175 projects from 11 secondary schools in the West Contra Costa and John Swett Unified School Districts; it was held last week at Contra Costa College in San Pablo.

The annual science fair began in the mid-1950s and has displayed the talents of students in grades 7 through 12, stressing a "learning by doing" approach to the scientific method. It is sponsored, in part, by the Richmond Council of Industries. All first- and second-place winners are eligible to enter the San Francisco Bay Area

Science Fair to be held March 18 to 25 at the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park.

El Cerrito students have traditionally made a good showing at the WCC fair, with participation from El Cerrito and Kennedy High Schools, and Adams and Portola Junior high schools.

This year, Nora Chow of El Cerrito High won the Bill Tobin Award for her project, "Speed of Siphons." Tobin was one of three co-founders of the West County Science Fair.

Chow also won the first place award in the Physical Science division for juniors. Her sponsoring teacher was Bob Fabini; Pollack's sponsoring teacher was Norm Seraphin. Both help organize the fair each year. Seraphin is the fair's director; Fabini serves as treasurer of the WCC Science Fair committee.

Other winning projects from El Cerrito High School were submitted by ninth-grader Hui Yu (first prize for Mathematics and Computers) and the Council of Industries Award for "Triangular Numbers"; tenth-grader William Everson (first prize in the same category for "Randomness featuring Pi and e"); eleventh-graders Tian Yu (second prize in Mathematics and Computers), and Erica Chung (second prize in Biology).

In addition, eight other eleventh-graders won awards in the Physical Science category: Aaron Bradley, Benhan Nie and Wesley Wong won second-place awards; Kristen Orr, Hideyo Satake and Jason Wong won third-place awards; and Alexa Prussin and Victoriano Romero won fourth-place awards.

Romero's "The Speed of Objects through Liquids" also won the American Association of Cereal Chemists Award.

Four seniors won awards in the Physical Science category at the twelfth-grade level. Monica Makarczyk took first

place for "Waves." Jennifer Lee and Steven Tanamachi won second-place awards; Nathan Tsuzuki won third-place.

Thirteen students from Portola Middle School won awards at the fair. In the Physical Science category for seventh-graders, Sarah Aroner took first place for "Colors of the Rainbow." Bin-bin Jiang took third-place; Aaron Liao and Rachel Curran won fourth-place awards.

"Drosophila Eye Pigment: Does it Make a Difference?" won a first-place award in Biology for Awyneth Harrison-Shermoen. In Behavioral Science, Mark Richardson took third, and Lina Swislocki took fourth.

Among eighth-graders, Rupinder Randhawa took first place for his project on "Spiral Lateralis." Jason Hsu took first place and the Council of Industries Award for "Evaporation Rate of Household Liquids" in the Physical Science category. In the same category, Julia Sheng took second, Eboune Taylor and Vivian Wong took third.

Christina Villarreal won a third place award in the Behavioral Science category.

A number of El Cerrito residents attend Adams Middle School and John F. Kennedy High School in Richmond.

Ten seventh-grade students from Adams won awards at the WCC Science Fair, including Brandon Jones, who won first place and the Council of Industries Award in the Mathematics and Computers category for "Fibonacci Numbers."

In the same category, April Buescher won second place, Joseph Bautista, third place.

In Biology, seventh-graders Jason Chan, Thanh Pham and Riana Shaw all won third-place awards. Liomeng Saelee and Kaila Sampson won second-place awards in Physical Science; Dana Love won third place, and Geoff Snow won fourth place.

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## Saving Your Vision

by Michael Wang, MD

The eye is truly a miracle of design and function. A tough-walled ball filled with a thick, clear fluid, the eye takes in light through the clear cornea and lens and focuses the light at the back of the eye on the retina, which functions much like a camera's film. The energy from this focused light stimulates nerves in the retina, which send signals to the back of the brain where they're interpreted to produce what we know as "vision."

Vision problems can occur anywhere along that pathway from the front of the eye to the back of the brain. Among the "thieves of sight" as we grow older are macular degeneration - a loss of cells in the retina; glaucoma - a build-up of pressure inside the eye; and diabetic retinopathy - changes in the retina that may occur as a result of diabetes.

But by far the most common cause of vision loss in older men and women is a cataract, a clouding of the normally clear lens. When a cataract forms, light can't get to the back of the eye. Looking through a cataract is like looking through a steamy window or a dirty windshield.

Symptoms of a cataract usually come on very slowly and include blurred vision, sensitivity to light and glare, and trouble seeing in bright sunlight or at night. Other symptoms include double vision in one eye, and fading or yellowing of colors.

Most cataracts are the result of changes in the lens due to aging, and most of us will get them if we live long enough. But some things can speed the development of cataracts including diabetes, injuries to the eye, and perhaps exposure to the ultraviolet light in the sun, though this is controversial. Smokers appear to have more cataracts than non-smokers, and cataracts also seem to run in some families.

The only treatment for a cataract is surgical removal of the lens and replacement with an artificial lens.

Fortunately, the procedure is very effective. More than 90% of those who have cataract surgery report substantial improvements in their vision. The procedure usually is done on an outpatient basis, and takes only a few minutes, using a local anesthetic. During surgery, a small incision is made in the eye and the lens is removed. A flexible plastic lens is inserted as a replacement. The patient usually can return home right after the surgery, and enjoys renewed vision almost immediately.

While there's nothing we can do about growing older, or the increasing risk of cataracts that comes with age, there are still things we can do to cut our risk of cataracts and other eye problems.

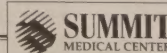
- Have regular medical eye exams.
- Contact your physician at the first sign of eye problems.
- Wear eye protection when working around machinery or caustic chemicals.
- Wear sunglasses designed to block UV light (the label should tell you) if you spend lots of time in bright sunlight.
- If you have high blood pressure or diabetes, make sure you work with your physician to bring it under control.

Join us for a free seminar, "Eye Care: Management and Treatment" through Summit Health Access.

**WHO:** Ophthalmologist Michael Wang, MD will discuss the latest developments in eye care.

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 14, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

**WHERE:** The Health Education Center, 400 Hawthorne Ave., Oakland. If you'd like more information about the lecture or for reservations, please call Summit Health Access at (510) 869-6737.



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**Albany Community Orchestra:** March 12, 7:30 p.m.: Annual Winter Concert with featured soloist will be Joseph Lahr, trumpet, performing the Variations in F for trumpet and orchestra by Friedrich Dionysus. Little Theater, Albany High School, Free.

**Ashkenaz:** March 7, 9 p.m.: Inasense; March 8, 9:30 p.m.: Pele Juju; March 9, 9:30 p.m.: Edessa, Vasil, Bebelev, and Peter Iliu; March 10, 8 p.m.: Thoth; March 12, 9 p.m.: Motordude Zydeco; March 9 p.m.: West Coast Swing Allstars. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

**Bach Family Archives:** March 9, 8 p.m.: Performance of music composed by Johann Sebastian Bach, Johann Michael Bach, and Johann Christoph Bach. St. Mark's, Berkeley.

**Combat!** March 7, 8, and 9, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. March 3 and 10: The U.C. Berkeley Center for Theater Arts presents *Combat!*, an American Melodrama. Written and Directed by John Fisher. Zellerbach Playhouse, U.C. Berkeley Campus. 642-9988.

**Early St. Paddy's:** March 8, 8 p.m.: St. Paddy's Day comes early to new pieces: A double bill with distant Oaks Trio, Celtic harp solos, stories, and the odd song or two. New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

**Eastenders Repertory Company:** Through March 30, Thurs - Sat, 8 p.m.: Presentation of *On the Outs*, a collection of short stories and scenes threaded together about relationships. LaVal's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 841-6510.

**Freight & Salvage:** March 7, 8 p.m.: Mike Marshall and Choro Famoso; March 9, 8:30 p.m.: Martin Simpson's Band of Angels; March 10, 8 p.m.: Libby Roderick; March 13, 8 p.m.: Chuck Brodsky. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761.

**Kimball's East:** Through March 10, 8 and 10 p.m.: Dr. John. 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. 658-2555.

**La Peña:** March 8, 8 p.m.: Afro-Cuban and flamenco come together with Aldav; March 9, 9:30 p.m.: Conjunto Cespedes.

**Maybeck Recital Hall:** March 10, 4 p.m.: Maybeck Ninth Anniversary Concert with John Handy, Bill Goodwin, Herbie Lewis, and Dick Whittington. 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 848-3228.

**Mozart:** March 9, 5 p.m.: A Cappella Jazz and Pop sponsored by The Pacific Mozart Ensemble. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. (415) 585-3750.

**MusikSources:** March 10, 5 p.m.: Yuko Tanaka, harpsichordist, performing a concert featuring Italian and Spanish keyboard composers. 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. 528-1685.

**Parody en Vaudeville:** March 9, 8 p.m.: Magnificent presents a turn of the century comedy set in Paris. First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant, Berkeley. (415) 979-4500.

**Musical Comedy:** March 9, 8 p.m.; March 10, 3 p.m.: Black Pine Circle, in

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**Red Cafe:** Every Tues. night at 8:30 p.m.: Steve Pakenham & Friends: 1941 University Ave., Berkeley. 843-8607.

**Starry Plough:** March 7, 9:30 p.m.: Portaschrine with Her Majesty The Baby; March 8, 9:45 p.m.: Eskimo, Dreamland, and Brian Kinney; March 9, 9:45 p.m.: Liquid Sunshine with 2 Lane Blacktop; March 10, 10 p.m.: Guano with The Blue & Tan Street Players at 8:30 p.m.; March 11, 9 p.m.: Traditional Irish Music; March 12, 7:30 p.m.: Open Cabaret Night; March 13, Darts. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-1424.

**Trinity Chamber Concerts:** March 9, 8 p.m.: Gamut Saxophone Quartet. 2320 Dana St., Berkeley.

**Woman of Color:** March 10, 8 p.m.: Katie Ridgeway performs a one woman show *Woman of Color* in a fusion of storytelling, poetry, song, and wit. Black Repertory Group, 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley. 652-2120.

**Jupiter:** March 7, 8 p.m.: That One Guy; March 8, 8:30 p.m.: Junk with Hiram; March 9, 8:30 p.m.: Harold Johnson Quartet. 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-THE-TAPS.

**Yoshi's:** Through March 10, 8 and 10 p.m.: Abbey Lincoln & Her Trio; March 11, 8 and 10 p.m.: Matthew Goodheart followed by Alex Weiss Quintet; March 12, 8 and 10 p.m.: Mark Little Quartet; March 13 - 17, 8 and 10 p.m.: Joe Sample. 6030 Claremont Ave., North Oakland. 652-9200.

### Religious Activities

**Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists:** March 10, 10:30 a.m.: Eddy Buchanan will speak about "Creating the peace Within" which concern our natural ability to resolve conflict within or outside ourselves. Children's program: toddlers, childcare, ages 3-12, classes. For details, call Sandy, 526-0972. 1924 Cedar, Berkeley. 841-4824.

**Presbyterian Women:** March 14, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Susan Taylor will give a harp concert of St. Patrick's Day Music. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 527-3052 or 848-1350.

### Events, meetings, classes...

**City Commons Club:** March 13, 10 a.m.: "Failing Nation States: What U.S. Response?" 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 444-3816.

**Black Oak Books:** March 7, 7:30 p.m.: Margaret Collins Weitz fills a major gap in the history of WWII with sisters in the Resistance: *How Women Fought to Free France, 1940-1945*; March 9, 7:30 p.m.: Thomas Cahill will read from *How the Irish Saved Civilization*; March 10, 7:30 p.m.: Jennifer Egan will read from *Emerald City*; March 11, 7:30 p.m.: Julie Shigekuni gracefully weaves together the voices of four Japanese American women, mothers, and daughters from four generations, in A

*Bridge Between Us*; March 12, 7:30 p.m.: Susan Wadia-Ells with *The Adoption Reader*; March 13, 7:30 p.m.: Dennis Covington with *Salvation on Sand Mountain: Snake Handling and Redemption in Southern Appalachia*; 1491 Shattuck Ave. at Vine, Berkeley. 486-0698.

**Art-on-Site:** An eight-week slide-lecture and field trip series to museums, galleries and exhibits held Wednesday, 1 to 3 p.m., through March 27. Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., 848-0731.

**Asian Art Tea:** March 8, 2 p.m.: Chinese brush painting exhibition featuring the work of Mon Ying Chow. Optional Asian dress. Sponsored by Berkeley City Club Social Service Committee. 883-9710.

**Center for Psychological Studies:** March 8, Noon: Estate Planning and its impact on the family system with Judy G. Barber, MFCC. 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-0291.

**Contra Costa Hills Club:** March 10, 9:15 a.m.: Loop Hike on Tenderfoot Trail from S.F.'s Transbay Bus Terminal take 9:15 a.m. #10 Golden Gate Transit bus to arrive at Mill Valley Depot at 10:23 a.m. and meet Contra Costa Hills Club leader. To offer or request rides call (510) 234-5222.

**Beijing Lecture:** March 7, 7:30 p.m.: Professor Rita Maran, U.C. Berkeley Lecturer in Peace & Conflict Studies, analyzes the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women and its implications for human rights action. I-House, 2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley. 642-9490.

**Berkeley Hiking Club:** March 10, 8:30 a.m. departure: Redwood Regional Park. Call leader Sol Fisher at 933-6142 for details. March 10, 9 a.m. departure: Tilden Park mini-hike: Call leaders Eva and Fred Bergen at 525-2706 for details.

**Birth Center Tour:** Every Mon., Wed., and Fri. at 11 a.m.: Providing an overview of Alta Bates' birthing facilities and services. 2450 Ashby Campus, Berkeley. Meet on the first floor at the information booth. 204-1334.

**Cody's Books:** March 7, 7:30 p.m.: Jeff Greenwald will read *The Size of the World*; March 8, 7:30 p.m.: Dr. Dean Ornish offers low-fat recipes in *Everyday Cooking*; March 9, 7:30 p.m.: Al Franken exposes himself in *Rush Limbaugh Is A Big Fat Idiot*; March 11, 7:30 p.m.: Susan Dunlap with *Sudden Exposure*; March 12, 7:30 p.m.: Karen Elizabeth Gordon offers up her collection of food and literature in *The Ravenous Muse*. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-7852.

**Easy Going Bookstore:** March 7, 7:30 p.m.: Blue Waters Kayak Tours with Kate McClain; March 10, 9 a.m.: Seminar on how to overcome common fears related to traveling, flying, and everyday life with Dr. Howard Liebold "Dr. Fear"; March 12, 7:30 p.m.: Michael McColl will talk about his book *The Worldwide Guide to Cheap Airfares*. 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 843-3533.

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**Middle Eastern Stereotypes:** March 12, 7:30 p.m.: Panel Presentation/ Dialogue given by a group of Jewish and Arab women. They will analyze the conscious and unconscious stereotypes that they hold of each other based on their own ethnic, religious, and social backgrounds. I House, 2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley. 642-9640.

**North Berkeley Senior Center:** March 7 1 p.m.: Travel Video *Canadian Train Ride*; March 8, 1 p.m.: Vienna Symposium: Art, Music, and Drama, with Baker Lake; March 11, 10:30 p.m.: Dr. McGillis discusses early signs of and treatments for stroke and heart attack and at 1 p.m. Judy Keene discusses clinical depression; March 12, 1 p.m.: J. Burr discusses investments and also at 1 p.m. Lisa Ploss with quick and easy snacks and small meals; March 13, 1 p.m.: Betty Simson with Case Management and other services at the over 60 clinic. 1901 Hearst/ MLK Jr. Way. 644-6107.

**PFA:** March 7, 7:30 p.m.: Patricia Zimmerman Lecture: The Other Centennial: 100 Years of Amateur Film, Selected from the PFA Collection; March 8, 7 p.m.: *A Tale of Love and Mee Pok Man* at 9:30 p.m.; March 9, 5:30 p.m.: *A City of Sadness and Good Men, Good Women* at 8:30 p.m.; March 10, 5:30 p.m.: *The Merry-Go-Round with According to Law* at 7:15 p.m.; March 11, 7 p.m.: *Ancestors in America*; Dec. 12, 5 p.m.: *Disgraced Monuments with Heaven-6-Box and Halving the Bones* at 7:30 p.m.; March 13, 3 p.m.: *Singin' in the Rain with The Drivetime* and short *Lily in Limbo* at 7:30 p.m. UC Berkeley.

**Kensington 55+ Activity Center:** March 14, 11 a.m.: Virginia Walker gives a slide presentation of a visit to Italy. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146.

**Meeting with Ron Dellums:** March 10, 1:30 p.m.: Come meet and speak with your Congressman Ronald V. Dellums. Entertainment and finger food buffet. North Berkeley Senior Center, hearst at M.L. King Jr. Way, Berkeley. A Campaign fundraiser for Berkeley Citizens Action. Wheelchair accessible. 549-0816.

**Meet the Candidates Night:** March 13, 7:30 p.m.: Barbara Lee, Dion Aroner, Mark Friedman, and Keith Carson. Refreshments. Political Satire by Dave Lippman. La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Sliding Scale. 549-0816.

**Family Life Hotline:** Wednesdays on KPFA 94.1 FM: Sponsored by Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay with co-hosts Ruth Frenes, MA, and William French, LCSW of West Oakland Mental Health.

**Great War:** March 9, 10:30 a.m.: The East Bay Chapter of the Great War Society (1914-1918) will hold its March meeting. The topic will be "World War I and the Chinese Revolution." 527-7118.

**Jitterbug Club:** Second Saturday of month: The Northern California Lindy Kids at La Peña: March 9, 10:30 a.m.: Los Cenzontles presents Mexican Music and Dance for kids of many ages to celebrate their recent Grammy nomination. 2910 San Pablo, Berkeley. 548-5407.

**Philately Meeting:** For stamp collectors; first and third Thursdays of the month, 7:30 p.m.; Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. 526-5397 or 655-7827.

**Poetic Contest:** March 9 deadline for Junior Division (grades 7-12) Poetry entries. For a copy of the rules contact Diane Lando at 724-6862.

**Sail the Bay Seas:** March 12, 5:30 p.m.: Learn to steer, tack, jibe, and work the lines while enjoying views of Brooks Island and one of the most beautiful

scapes in the world. Olympic Circle Sailing School, Berkeley Marina. 636-1684.

**Solano Ave. Banner Project:** March 9, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Live Oak Recreation Center, 1301 Shattuck, Berkeley; March 11, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Albany Community Center: Design and paint an 8' x 3' banner assisted by artist Carole Fitzgerald. All ages welcome and K-3 must be accompanied by adult. Live Oak Recreation Center, 1301 Shattuck, Berkeley.

**Speak Out!** March 11, 7 p.m.: Documentary film on the disappeared in Argentina between 1976 and 1983 entitled *El Juicio Etico de las Madres de la Plaza de Mayo*. U.C. Berkeley Valley Life Sciences Building 2050 (behind Dwinelle Hall). 601-0182.

**Strawberries in November:** March 9, 12:30 p.m.: Judith Goldsmith, author of *Strawberries in November*, will present an overview of gardening in the East Bay. Sliding payment scale is available. Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 548-2220.

**Stress Reduction:** March 7, 6:30 p.m.: A program of mindfulness-based stress reduction with David Weinberg, MPA. 204-4400 for preregistration information. Maffly auditorium, Alta Bates Medical Center, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley.

**Tracking Evolution:** March 9-10: A

Weekend short course offered by Museum of Paleontology, University of California, Berkeley. Join nine scientists in a comprehensive look at evolution and extinction of life. For registration information call Scotchmoor at 642-4877.

**Urban Ecology:** March 12, 1996 Annual Meeting with Susan Ryn as keynote speaker. North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/ MLK Jr. Way. 644-6860.

**Homework Helper:** Wednesday from 3-5 p.m.: Public Library's South Branch free Homework Assistance Center for kids in grades 4-12. 1901 S. Berkeley. 644-6860.

**Schizophrenia Meeting:** March 7 p.m.: The American Schizophrenia Association - Alliance for the Ill (ASA-AMI) holds its monthly support meeting. Meeting at Claremont Branch Library, at the of Ashby and Benvenue, Berkeley. 8361.

**African-American Book:** Meets last Thursday of each month. South Berkeley Branch Library, Russell, Berkeley. 415-773-9328.

**Twilight Storytime:** Through March 13, Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.: Series of programs for ages 3-5. Library, 526-3720. Free.

**University YWCA:** March 11

Help with getting a job in a field with Linda Walls, The Sun Foundation. 848-6370. 2600 Dwight Way, Berkeley. 848-6370.

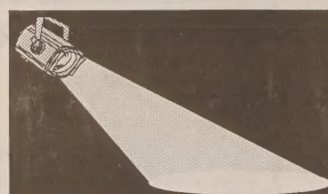
### Exhibits

**Black Panthers:** Through March 10, commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Black Panther Party by Huey P. Newton, an exhibit and catalog on the Black Panther Party offered. Entitled "The Legacy of the Panthers," 65 photos were selected to capture the true legacy of the party and show the dreams and hopes of people in the community who were committed to change. La Peña Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

**Japanese artist Keiko Nelson:** "Inner Diary: Installation and Performance" at the Graduate Theatrical Union, 2400 Ridge, Berkeley. 848-6370.

**New Pieces:** Through April 1, Pieces Fabric presents "Color Play" exhibit of quilts by Berkeley quilters. Rhodie. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 6779.

**Works in Pastel:** March 5 - 10, The works of Trudy Vilasla. Community Center, Foyer Gallery, Marin Ave., Albany. 524-9281.



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## Morrison-O'Hara a new chamber member

Albany native Lynn Glennon talks of her position with Morrison-O'Hara, the leading custom awards and engraving company, with such enthusiasm, she feels compelled to visit the showroom at 1521 Fifth St. in Berkeley, or order from one of many catalogs. Glennon is the sales coordinator and marketing specialist for the company, working with 13 other employees.

Owners Ken and Lois Vohnof have made their showroom the largest and most attractive in the East Bay. Upon entering this spacious display room, one has to be impressed with display examples. For easy selection examples are on counters, tables, walls, and some hang uniquely from the ceiling.

Choices of diamond drag or laser engraving, acrylic awards, trophies, crystal awards, clocks, pens and pen sets, and the unlimited list are available.

Glennon has any type of a promotional vehicle from a custom 35-foot-high blimp to happy letter openers.

Clients range from large corporations to individual selections. The store's policy and first and foremost goal is to please all customers, giving them a positive and satisfied feeling when leaving the store. The highly experienced staff will guide a customer in all aspects of manufacture and sales of promotion products.

"If you have an unusual idea for an award we can manufacture different pieces to make your final product, using our resources to acquire all the different components," Glennon said. "No two customers are the same, as each has his own idea which we will fulfill on request. We have everything from representations to memorial plaques," she continued.

Now on the Internet, the Morrison family has been in business for more than 40 years.

Glennon lives in the home she was raised in which her grandmother, Fern Karpo, purchased 70 years ago. She is the daughter of Alana and the late John Moon, who in earlier



Lynn Glennon of Morrison-O'Hara

years were one of Albany's most civically active couples. Glennon graduated from high school and attended college in Hawaii. With her husband, John, they find time to fish, travel, attend concerts and movies, and enjoy all types of music.

### Deadbeat Check Writers and Promoting Your Business

Reservations for the March 13 Double-Header Luncheon may still be made by contacting the Albany Chamber of Commerce office, 1108 Solano Ave., or phoning 525-1771. People holding bad checks can now recoup their losses, including bank charges, at no cost.

Alameda County District Attorney Tom Orloff signed a three-year contract with Computer Support Services, who will handle the collection, charging the bad-check writer a fee. The thrust of this program is to place the costs of the bad checks on those who write them rather than on the consuming public.

Persons holding bad checks may be businesses, landlords or

individuals, and each may participate in the program. Since the collection agency makes its money on the handling fee, neither merchants nor taxpayers will have to foot the bill for service. Those attending the luncheon will be given a copy of "The Bad Check Handbook" and a poster which warns a person about passing a bad check.

The program will also feature Lynn Glennon of Morrison-O'Hara speaking on "Today's Market Place." She will tell of employee incentives, general marketing to the public, and show new marketing products.

### Wanted: Garage Sale Items

Gayle Davis, owner of Sisters, 1250 Solano Ave., is interested in acquiring garage sale items before the sale. She can save a person time by obtaining items so one may not have to bother with them on the sale day. Davis acquires items from Albany, Berkeley, Kensington and El Cerrito.

Gayle has recently reopened after putting in a new ceiling and painting the interior. Remember — call Gayle before

## Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



your sale.

### New address for Dr. Bunker

For a homier atmosphere for both patients and himself, Jay Bunker, D.C., moved his office directly across the street from his longtime location of 1307 Solano Ave. The new address is 1304 Solano Ave. Dr. Bunker said he now has a backyard to enjoy while eating lunch, a luxury many businesses do not have.

### Golden Gate Fields/Chamber of Commerce Mixer

This coming Wednesday will find Chamber members, associates and friends networking at the mixer hosted by Golden Gate Fields and the Albany Chamber of Commerce. The location will be the beautiful Turf Club with a view of San Francisco Bay. Hours are 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This annual event takes place traditionally one week before the track's opening day. Golden Gate Fields provides refreshments and drinks at a very reduced price as well as donating door prizes. Admission is free.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the announcement and presentation award for the Citizen of the Year, arranged by the Chamber of Commerce. Applications were mailed to all non-profit groups to submit their volunteer for 1995. It was also in the newspaper for anyone to nominate one they thought deserving of this distinguished award. The 1995 Citizen of the Year will remain a secret until

the moment of award. Judges are selected from businesses who are not familiar with the nominees.

Businesses are urged to take business cards for self-introduction and networking.

For information, phone the Chamber of Commerce at 525-1771.

### Bob Serpa returns to AHS

Having coached Albany High School varsity football with Anthony Freeman, Bob Serpa returned this season to coach the school's varsity baseball team, as he claims "baseball is my game."

"I am really happy and excited about being a part of the Albany High School's baseball program. These players are my extended family, as I coached almost all of them in Albany Little League from the time they were eight years old," Serpa proudly stated.

Twelve of the 15 players are seniors, compared to the junior varsity team with 20 players, according to Serpa. Next year's team should be as good as this year's, as both teams have experienced great players, Serpa pointed out.

Dr. Virginia Behm, Albany High School principal, said, "Bob brings a unique contribution to the team, as he has a great deal of history with a lot of the kids in this community. He is diligent and responsible in assuming this position and we are proud to have him aboard."

As a nine-year Albany Little League volunteer, Serpa coached nine teams and six All-Star teams, was equipment manager, field maintenance chair, minor league representative, served in refreshment booths and performed unassigned duties because "someone had to do it." He also coached the fall and winter baseball teams for Berkeley High School in 1992-93 and for Albany in 1994.

In earlier years, as an English teacher, Serpa taught both high school and university classes. Now an entrepreneur, he owns a high-quality, 100 percent cotton rag content paper factory. The paper is used for fine book printing, calligraphy, printmaking and watercolors. The factory is just one of his projects.

Because of high school budget constraints, baseball players are having to shoulder expenses of transportation as well as parts of their uniforms and equipment.

Cash donations may be made to the Albany Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave., to assist in a smooth team operation, or one may purchase bats and baseballs at Mary and Joe's Sporting Goods store, 911 San Pablo Ave., at a sale price. Baseballs are \$48 per dozen and regulation bats' prices have been drastically reduced, starting at \$57. All donations should be taken to the Chamber of Commerce office.

## Obituary

### Grace Petersen

Grace Petersen died in Lafayette on Feb. 26. She was 88. Loving mother of Charles E.

Petersen of Lafayette and June Salsman of Fairfield, she was the devoted grandmother of six. A native of Napa, and a 67-year resident of Albany, she was a member

of the Albany Women's Bowling League.

Memorial services were held at the Ellis-Olson Mortuary in Albany.

## Can't Sleep? Maybe You Should Blame Your Mattress.

### WEIGHING THE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

A considerable amount of research has been amassed over the years on sleep disorders, such as apnea and REM and non-REM sleep cycles; however, clinical studies on the combined influences of the sleep environment have been lacking.

This scarcity of quality research is now being remedied on several fronts. Led by researchers in Europe and joined by sleep clinics and major universities in the U.S. and Canada, dozens of new studies are emerging.

They offer significant information about how sleep is influenced by mattress variance and the resulting effects on body alignment, pressure and weight distribution, thermoclimatic conditions and respiratory factors.

### PRESSURE DISTRIBUTION AFFECTS CIRCULATION

Six major studies have defined the level at which mattress pressure on weight-bearing points of the body becomes unhealthy.

Beginning at pressures over 40 mmHg (millimeters of mercury), cell structure is disrupted, with adverse effects upon blood flow.

Resting heart rate increases to compensate for impeded circulation.

The standard U.S. mattress aggravates the pressure factor, putting an average 56 mmHg on weight-bearing surfaces of the body. Lying on

Pressure Distribution	
Optimum	27-37 mmHg
Blood flow affected	40+ mmHg
Standard US mattress	56 mmHg

the side may put 61 mmHg of pressure on the hip alone.

Researchers measuring the pressure of U.S. hospital beds found average readings in the 50s and 60s, a stunningly high level considering hospital patients should be protected from anything that elevates heart rates or impairs circulation.

### Increased movements

Restlessness is another side effect. In several studies, adults sleeping on high-pressure mattresses made 200-300 movements per night as opposed to the normal 12-to-40 position shifts. Therapeutic sleep benefits, like spinal disc rehydration, depend upon fewer night movements.

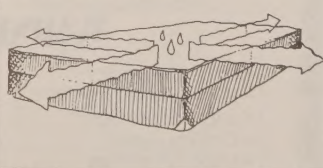
### MISALIGNMENT DISTURBS SLEEP

Closely related to pressure distribution, research shows that mattresses that do not provide evenly distributed weight can cause increased sleep disturbance, vertebral compression, and chronic back and muscle problems.

### THERMAL EFFECTS MORE DRAMATIC THAN ASSUMED

As metabolic heat production continues during the night, sleep quality may suffer. On average, we lose up to one ounce of water per hour while asleep, released as water vapor.

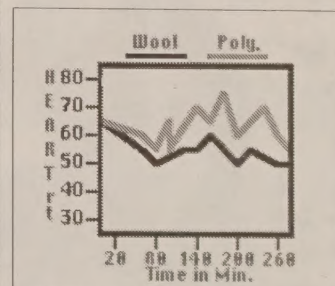
### Ideal Moisture Ventilation



Current studies conclude that synthetic bedclothes and mattress fill—as found in most

standard U.S. mattresses—cannot transport the vapor away and dissipate it. In addition, dense and "non-breathable" mattresses cause discomfort. The sleeper awakens more frequently, feeling hot or clammy.

Beyond mere discomfort, high humidity and temperature imbalance aggravates allergies, raises the heart rate and blood pressure and disturbs the sleep cycle.



Healthful rest requires stable 12-15 minute periods of unaroused sleep, evidenced by undisturbed brain wave patterns. Clearly, physical changes caused by high body pressures, misalignment or thermal imbalance are not conducive to good health.

The European Sleep Works at the Berkeley Design Shop specializes in sleep systems that promote comfort, good health, and scientifically sound principles of sleep. We sell non-synthetic, 100% natural latex mattresses which feature aeration holes to effectively dissipate moisture and resist allergens. We also carry light-weight wool mattress covers to prevent thermal imbalance. At the Berkeley

Design Shop, we computer-match mattress resiliency to each customer, achieving pressure-point readings of 40 mmHg or below. And we adjust our zoned mattress systems until they deliver even weight distribution and natural body alignment. We believe strongly in basing our business and our improvements on documented science.

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■ BILL MANN

## Welcome to L.A.

**Chips Ahoy!** There was more posturing going on than you'd see at a New York fashion show the other day in Washington when the Wise Men who run the TV industry met with President Clinton and "voluntarily" agreed to rate all their shows themselves.

"This is strictly voluntary," the unctuous Jack Valenti kept repeating. (He's the movie mouthpiece who's going to help TV develop a ratings system). Right, Jack — just like the first movie ratings were strictly "voluntary." Technically that's true, but a few of us are old enough to remember Congress similarly pointing a gun at movie studios heads' heads back in the 1960s before those ratings were adopted.

Please spare us the "voluntary" crap, Jack. The TV networks have fought the V-chip and ratings for years while they continued to spew sewage from the sleaze mines in L.A. It was only when Congress passed the telecom bill with the V-chip and ratings provision that broadcasters got moving on a ratings system. With this one exception, the telecom bill was otherwise a huge giveaway to broadcasters.

And make no mistake about it — this cutthroat industry wouldn't be adopting a "voluntary" ratings system at all if it didn't expect to get something back in return from it, which is the way things work in their dealmaking universe. Don't do anything because it's right — do it only because there's something in it for you.

Without some inducement, the Rupert Murdochs, Michael Eisners and Ted Turners would have fought the V-chip and ratings bill in the courts for years, claiming their First Amendment rights were being violated. Fighting, I would argue, for the right if not to continue shouting fire in a crowded theater, then for the right to keep pouring gasoline in the lobby.

You may already know about the carrot at the end of the government's stick: Next month, these same fixers will be back on Capitol Hill, begging Congress to

please, please, please give us "spectrum." That means additional airwaves that broadcasters want — free — for digital (HDTV) TV.

Even free-enterprise man Sen. Bob Dole realizes that this would be a colossal government giveaway to broadcasters worth billions of dollars in lost government revenues. Dole wants broadcasters to pay for the digital airwaves. But that little-noticed debate was shelved until next month and the dangerous telecom bill then flew through Congress.

The broadcasters want the digital spectrum free — just like they now get the airwaves free. Doesn't cost 'em a dime, as Molly Ivins might say. And it makes 'em millions.

Some in Congress want to auction off these valuable frequencies, which it should, of course. This one's worth a call or letter to your Congressperson or Senator. Otherwise, Valenti, the National Association of Broadcasters, and the rest of this sorry lot will again be all over the politicians like white on Wonder Bread. Cong. Ed Markey of Massachusetts says there's another possible trade-off — if the broadcasters want these frequencies for free, they should sign an agreement creating more children's channels and programming.

Former Fox exec Barry Diller agrees. If increasingly powerful broadcast titans won't sign such a deal, Diller says, "they should pay whatever the government can gouge out of them."

But Pres. Clinton, alas, won't link the two, spectrum and children's television. That's a mistake. And the GOP won't do it either, as one observer put it, because they're the ones who tried to kill Big Bird.

How can you possibly rate 600,000 TV shows a year, complain the broadcasters?

Hey, that's your problem. You pontificating sleazemongers should have thought of that years ago when you started laying off people from network Standards & Practices departments to save money and to fight cable by loosening your sex and violence standards. No sympathy from this corner. Hey — you guys could get out of the TV business altogether and hang sheetrock — you know, actually work for a living. You're breaking my heart, boys.

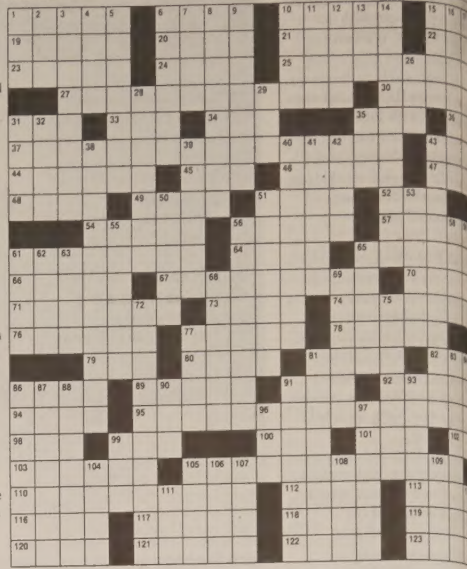
CBS-TV reporter Rita Braver, in her report on this dubious D.C. conclave, echoed anchor Dan Rather's sentiments that without politicians pressuring TV, nothing would have happened, and the TV industry would have continued on

## ■ New York Times Magazine Puzzle

### GAINING MOMENTUM

BY BOB KLAHN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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its merry way with (big) business as usual.

"The public really cares about the values issue," reported Braver. Specifically, the dubious values that emanate from Los Angeles, where the TV business is centered.

Fresh from the dismaying experience of having briefly lived in L.A., I warned readers in my first-ever TV column in the Oakland Tribune in June 1983 that the worst thing about TV is that the industry was now centered in Los Angeles, that it would pass along the dubious, materialistic values of that community. Now, 13 years later, these fears long ago were realized; things have gotten so sleazy and cheap that politicians, of all people, were forced to say enough is enough.

And who's sleazier, the people running things in Hollywood/Los Angeles or in Washington? That's

really not a tough call.

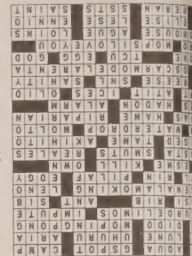
**An Annotated Thermometer:** The chilly weather we've had lately prompts me to pass along an abbreviated version of a reader's via e-mail, something she found on the Net (and obviously written by an Easterner or Midwesterner). In descending degrees Fahrenheit, here's what happens at various temps:

60 degrees: Californians put on sweaters; 50: Miami residents turn on the heat; 40: You can see your breath; Californians shiver uncontrollably; 35: Italian cars won't start; 32: Water freezes; 30: Minnesotans put on T-shirts; politicians begin to worry about the homeless; British cars won't start.

25 degrees: Californians weep pitifully; Canadians go swimming; 20: Politicians begin to TALK about the homeless; New York City water freezes; 15: French cars

won't start; 5: American cars won't start;

0 degrees: Alaskans put on T-shirts; minus-10: German cars won't start; minus-15: Arkansans stick tongues on metal objects; minus-20: Japanese cars won't start; minus-30: Swedish cars won't start; minus-50: Congressional hot air freezes; minus-80: Hell freezes over; minus-90: Lawyers put their hands in their own pockets.



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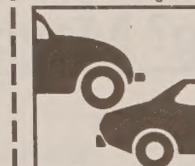
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# POETRY

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## STORIES

When I am sad, somebody always tells sad stories that make me think about other stories. These people who tell sad stories in my imagination are called Ancient People. They tell feelings and folk tales. Then I will feel better. Then I tell them to my family and they like them, too.

Yi Yi Lin, second grade  
MacGregor Primary School  
The bird's wings seem to touch the air  
and his wings seem to make swishy noises.  
Yvette Gonzales, second grade  
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## THE GAME OF LIFE

My mother is like a dog snapping at my feet.  
My dad is like my shadow, always with me.  
My sister is like a quiet bird sitting outside my window.  
My brother is like a big fly always bugging me.  
And I am like a pawn in the game of life.

Sarah Canavan  
MacGregor High School

## Dance to benefit neighborhood group

The El Cerrito Hillside Area Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a community fund-raising country-western dance March 9, from 7:30 to 11 p.m., at the El Cerrito Community Center. There will be lessons in line-dancing, two-step, as well as the waltz. Music and lessons will be provided by Ron and Kathy Tate.

The Hillside Area Neighborhood Association (HANA) was organized in August 1995 by neighbors

concerned that the Montessori Bright Star School was negotiating to purchase the original Navellier property (1332 Navellier). Plans filed with the city indicated that Bright Star intended to initially construct a 150-student elementary school on the property, with possible expansion in the future.

HANA is concerned about increased traffic and parking problems, erosion of the hillside natural area, fire and earthquake safety,

water run-off, and sewage.

Funds raised at the community dance will be used by HANA in their efforts to seek professional advice in this matter. An attorney versed in environmental law has recently been retained; if enough funds are available, a professional review of the final plans as submitted by Bright Star will also be undertaken.

In 1975 El Cerrito was surveyed for historic properties and the

Navellier home was identified as the city's oldest building. Built in 1897, it is the only one dating from the 19th century. It was home to pioneer residents Ernest and Josephine Navellier. The property, now owned by realtor Jerome Blank, was recently designated as a state historical point of interest site.

Tickets for the dance are \$10 per person. They can be purchased from Bob or Muriel Freeman (237-0305), or at the door the night of the dance.

## Petition seeks cooperation on middle school

ALBANY — A petition is being circulated regarding the potential safety/traffic impacts related to the development of the Hill Lumber site as a middle school. The proposed school is expected to generate several hundred car trips within a 10-to-20-minute period, twice per day, as well

as other minor traffic increases throughout the day.

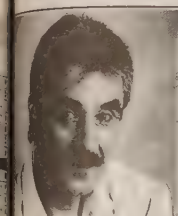
The petition encourages the School Board and the City Council to cooperate to improve student safety and reduce the traffic impacts by, among other things, creating cul-de-sacs on nearby residential streets, including

San Gabriel Avenue, Spokane Avenue, and Key Route Boulevard; encouraging parents to travel north on Key Route Boulevard, west on Brighton Avenue, to a turn-out passenger loading zone at the proposed middle school; creating a permit parking area on Key Route Boulevard in

the area of Albany High School; and taking responsibility for picking up trash and maintaining the areas adjacent to the school and occupied by students during school hours.

Persons interested in signing or circulating the petition should contact David McMahon at 527-6677.

# FITNESS & HEALTH for '96



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by Paul Yazolino

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Paul Yazolino, president of Fitness Equipment USA, is the 1995 World and U.S. National Masters champion sprint cyclist and holder of the world and national records in his class. His athletic career spans over 30 years and includes the Mr. USA bodybuilding title and a silver medal in power lifting. His championship-level athletic background and his early training in mechanical engineering make him one of the fitness equipment industry's top experts. Paul is a consultant to the orthopedic, sports medicine, and rehab communities, a member of the Advisory Board of the International Strength Building Council, and frequently appears on radio and television talk shows.

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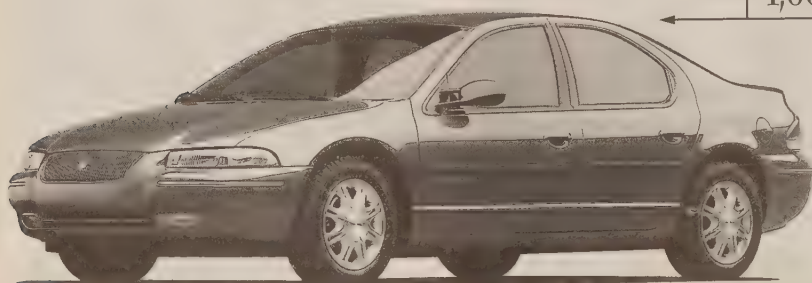
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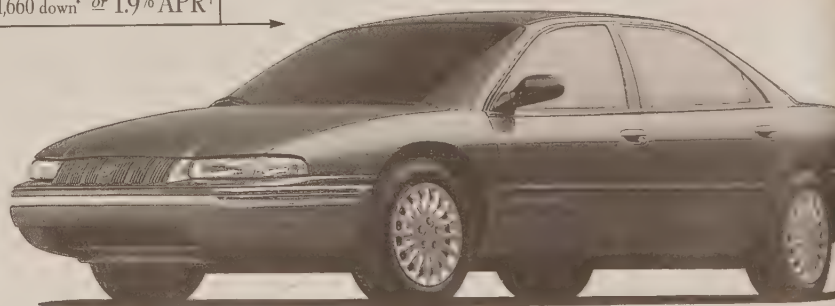
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## East Bay Events

### Comic opera at City Club

Opera da Camera stages Ethel Smyth's comic chamber opera *The Women's Cause* at the Berkeley City Club two Saturdays, March 9 and 10, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 10, at 3 p.m. Smyth, whose opera is performed in English, is known as one of the first woman opera composers in music history as well as a leading champion of women's causes. The program will include an introduction to her work and times. Featured in the Opera da Camera production, staged by Michael Sommer, are Laurel Rice, Michael Sommese, Paul Tavernier and Richard Goodman, and pianists Chun Mei Chan and Nancy Rude. For reservations call 525-8024. Tickets are \$15 general and \$10 for students and children.

### Quilters' best



'Serengetti,' designed by Judi Yaba, quilted by Rebecca Rohrkaste.

East Bay Heritage Quilters will hold "Voices in Cloth 1996 — Extraordinary Quilt Show" at the Oakland Convention Center, 550 10th St., Oakland this Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Included is a special show of antique quilts from the collection of Joyce Gross, who will be inducted into the Quilters' Hall of Fame in July 1996.

Activities will include daily silent auctions of quilts and related items, demonstrations of techniques and products, docent tours for classes, prizes, and a merchants' mall, food and refreshments. Tickets are \$7, \$5 and \$3. Call 527-4097.

### Albany orchestra's annual concert

Albany Community Orchestra will perform its annual winter concert Friday evening, March 12. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Theater at Albany High School. Admission is free.

Featured soloist will be Joseph Lehr, trumpet, performing the "Variation 17" for trumpet and orchestra by Friedrich Dionysus Weber. This work is reported to be the first written for the keyed trumpets used by Weber in 1819. Applying keys to the trumpet enabled that instrument to play the entire chromatic scale, a great improvement over traditional trumpet of that time which was severely limited as to the notes produced.

Lehr, a resident of Albany, has served as the orchestra's principal trumpet for the past four years. When not playing the trumpet, he is a medical practitioner. He is the father of three musical daughters in youth music groups.

The orchestra, conducted by Ernest Douglas, will also perform Mozart's *Sinfonia* to "La Clemenza di Tito," three movements from "Capriccio Espagnol" by Rimsky Korsakoff, and a group of 16th-century dances for the orchestra: the "Capriccio Suite" arranged by Peter Warlock.

The 56-member Albany Community Orchestra is made up of amateur musicians from throughout the Bay Area, and is sponsored by the Albany High School.



Landau and Pagliarulo, together

Albany Presents hosts Esther Landau, lute and Anne Pagliarulo, soprano, at Domingo Concerts at 8 p.m. Sunday, March 8. Landau is a member of the pioneering group The City Winds, which plays both classical and contemporary music. On the program are *Sonata in A minor*, D. 821, by Franz Schubert; *Le Merle Noir*, by Olivier Messiaen; *Sonata*, by Halsey Stevens; and *Diphyque*, by Jeanine Toulon. The hall is at 32 Domingo Ave., No. 5. Tickets are \$10. Call 525-8024.

More East Bay events next page

## UC grad launches funny film

'Bottle Rocket' one of many comedies for Richard Sakai

By Matt Segal

When Richard Sakai says something makes him laugh, it's probably worth checking out.

That is, if you put any stock in the opinion of someone who's worked on some of the most critically acclaimed comedy on television over the past 20 years.

Sakai, a former UC Berkeley student who grew up in Walnut Creek, is the executive producer of the new film *Bottle Rocket*. He said the



Owen and Luke Wilson, brothers and co-authors of 'Bottle Rockets.'

alternative flick written by a group of unknowns from Texas caught his eye for a simple reason: it's funny.

"The comedy instrument of someone hitting you with a pie in the face, it's really [replaced by]

well built, deeply individual characters and the comedy comes out of clever dialogue."

Sakai, 42, knows about dialogue. He's worked for nearly two decades with *Bottle Rocket*'s other executive producer, James L. Brooks. Projects include the television show *Taxi* and the movie *Broadcast News*.

As president of Gracie Films in Los Angeles, Sakai has also produced *The Tracey Ullman Show* and *The Simpsons*.

This from somebody who admits he didn't spend much time in class while studying film at Berkeley.

"I played bridge eight hours a day in the dorms," Sakai said. "We used to gamble for Top Dogs."

Sakai's most recent bet was for more than a hot dog. His company

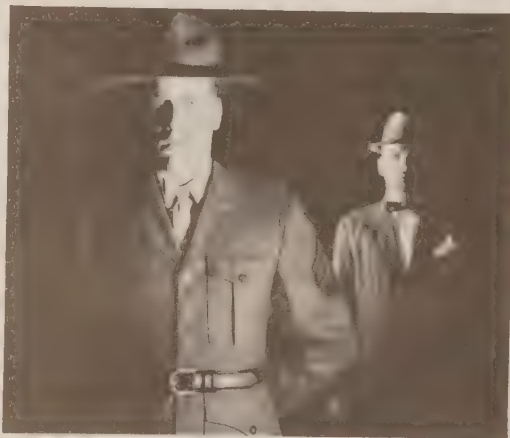
"Any place where a nude guy can go to class for three months is really going to enjoy *Bottle Rocket*."

—LUKE WILSON  
FILM CO-WRITER

shelled out the cash which turned *Bottle Rocket* from a credit card

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## Unexplored currents surface in 'Combat!'



John Fisher as Sargent Tower (foreground) and Paul Tena as Dr. Harry Sullivan.

By Don McConnell

John Fisher has been known heretofore for his prize-winning, sexy farces — *Medea, the Musical* and *The Joy of Gay Sex*. His new play, *Combat!* which began a two-week run Thursday at UC's Zellerbach Playhouse, seems to be inspired by the epic impulse of Tony Kushner's *Angels in America*, which it resembles in both subject and length.

The subject is not just gays and World War II, as the publicity implies. The play also explores the treatment of black soldiers and the incompetent leadership of the Pacific war, the emergence of psychiatry as a mainstream branch of medicine, while managing a scathing indictment of Franklin Roosevelt.

Remarkably, none of these is a side theme — all are developed over the course of a longish evening. Fisher's technique, which was also Kushner's in "Angels," is to cut back and forth between three or four story lines. The lines don't intersect directly; each comments on the others, and often indirectly advances them.

For instance, a major thread is the Pentagon's pioneering use of psychiatry to weed out recruits likely to crack under the pressure of combat. To the horror of the closeted gay psychiatrist Harry Stack Sullivan, who helped develop the test, homosexuals become its prime target. The play follows Sullivan as he tries to protest the perversion of his science, leading him into a Washington bureaucracy where gays are being tracked down as ruthlessly as Communists would be a decade later, and following him to his eventual suicide.

Other major threads follow two couples — gay Marines and lesbian WAACs — through the war, the former from Tarawa to Iwo Jima, the latter from Salerno to Eisenhower's headquarters. The effect of the Sullivan story on the lives of these couples is immense (both couples

becomes objects of gay witch hunts). The ingenuity with which Fisher weaves the threads of his story gives his play greater coherence than "Angels," though on occasion it leads to predictability.

The parallels between the two plays are many — especially the quick cutting between the halls of power (which, for both playwrights, are unredeemably corrupt) and private lives where efforts to merely live and love are doomed by the environment. In "Angels," the fatal environment is the era of AIDS; in *Combat!* it's the battles of the Pacific War, many of which had a fatality rate approaching that of AIDS.

These are not new themes; they are almost the themes of tragic drama. What is fresh, even electrifying, in both playwrights is the irreverence, the injection of sardonic, campy humor. Fisher, more than Kushner, often seems as bitter as Precht (and, alas, occasionally as preachy), but there's always a laugh coming up for Fisher and Kushner, and that lets them keep approaching the heart of tragedy without depressing and losing the audience. The fecundity of Fisher's imagination keeps us with him through the most harrowing scenes.

Like many minority playwrights, Fisher wants to revise our notion of history; he wants it to include the role of gays. Like *The Woman Warrior*, Deborah Rogin's play based on Maxine Hong Kingston's novel about Chinese Americans, which premiered in the same theater, the correction of traditional history involves a lot of straight-out lecturing. Too often, an actor drops out of character to deliver a string of little-known facts. In *The Woman Warrior*, it might be the history of U.S. laws excluding Chinese immigrants or limiting their rights. In *Combat!* we learn about the "Newport scandal" early in Roosevelt's career, in which he allegedly instructed teenage re-

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## Same story, new time, geography

By Renata Polt

A car appears slowly over a snowy horizon, like a lone cowboy cresting the ridge. What have we here? A modern western?

Try, a midwestern.

The Coen brothers (director Joel, producer Ethan, and writers Joel and Ethan) have set *Fargo* in their native Minnesota, plus parts of North Dakota, basing it on real events that took place in 1987. And while the picture has little to do with Fargo, N.D. (pop. 61,000), you'll have to admit that *Fargo* makes a better title for a (mid)western than, say, *St. Paul*.

Like a classic western, *Fargo* has bad guys and good guys (cops, of all things!), but instead of rustling cattle, the villains — and they're villainous, all right — are rustling a woman, Jean Lundegaard (Kristin Rudrud), whom her husband Jerry (William H. Macy) has arranged to have kidnapped.

Jerry isn't among the world's great thinkers: His cockeyed scheme is to collect the ransom money from his wealthy father-in-law (who is also the owner of the car dealership where Jerry is "executive sales manager"), pay off the gangsters with part of the loot, and use the rest to bail himself out of the financial tangle he's got himself into.

The gangsters, whom Jerry has recruited with the help of an ex-con mechanic at the car dealership, are runty Carl Showalter (Steve Buscisi), whom witnesses can describe only as "funny looking," and Gaear Grisrud (Swedish actor Peter Stormare), a hulk who drives his partner nuts by his silence.

What the pair lacks in intelligence they make up for in violence and bungling. Blood is shed, and, this being a Coen brothers film, it's shed rather graphically. (You'll learn this only from the closing credits, but one victim of the pair, a man shot in a field, is "The Singer Formerly Known as Prince.")

Enter the cops, specifically small town Police Chief Marge Gunderson (Frances McDormand, of *Raising Arizona* and *Mississippi Burning*), plain, motherly, and passively pregnant. Her maternity police uniforms are a hoot, and so is Marge.

"It's a real shame," she sighs, viewing a murder victim. "There's more to life than a little money, ya know," she lectures a gangster. Yet Marge is no slouch when it comes to tracking criminals.

Marge's husband Norm (John Carroll Lynch) is a fulltime wildlife painter, and this offbeat couple, loving and tolerant of each other, are set up against chaotic failures like Jerry Lundegaard and the two criminals.

*Fargo* excels in its minor characters, from the Lundegaards' teenage son, Scotty (Tony Denman), who plays the accordion and will, we can tell, turn into even more of a screw-up than his father, to the hookers, "escorts," bartenders and other memorable small-town characters.

Only one character, Mike Yanagita (Steve Park), a former high school pal of Marge's who shows up briefly and makes a hesitant pass at her, seems to serve no purpose except to underscore the bleakness of most of the characters' lives.

The accents in *Fargo* are straight out of a Garrison Keillor sketch ("Yaah, well...") and the good-guy characters are slow-spoken and yokelish. Their sweetness makes the actions of the bad-guy characters out as all the more vicious. Makes you wonder how such different types of people inhabit the same world.

*Fargo* opens March 8 in San Francisco and March 15 elsewhere





Noah Berger

## Mural to move to New York

Local artist Daniel Galvez has nearly completed a mural, "Homage to Malcolm X," which will be permanently installed at the new Malcolm X Memorial in the Audubon Ballroom in New York City. The mural weaves a panorama of the life and times of Malcolm X. The Audubon Ballroom, site of Malcolm X's assassination in 1965, was saved from the wrecking ball through the efforts of numerous community groups. It has just undergone a \$7 million restoration as part of Columbia University's new Audubon Biomedical Science and Technology Park project. Galvez, selected following a national search, is one of three fabricating artwork for the memorial.

## Children's favorite is back — Continued from page 13

Children's folksinger and recording artist Nancy Raven returns to Berkeley Public Library March 11-13 for a series of family sing-alongs. Raven, who has been singing children's folk music for over 30 years, brings a wide variety of folk instruments and songs from all cultures, and is known for her infectious style and energy.

Her most recent recordings are *Singing, Prancing and Dancing* and *You Gotta Jubal!*, both of which won Parent's Choice Awards. A resident of the Bay Area for many years, she appeared on KQED and KPFA and produced Saturday morning programs for children at La Peña.

Call 649-3943 for more information.

## Three Bachs, one concert

"The Bach Archives," conducted by John Butt, is the Trinity Chamber Concert and California Bach Society program this Saturday at 8 p.m. at St. Mark's Church in Berkeley.

Tickets are \$12; \$8 for children. For more information call 328-0393.

## Eastenders open

On the *Ours*, Eastenders Repertory Company's first production of 1996, opens tonight at 8 p.m. at La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley. Charles E. Polly directs the Mary Milton's collection of stories and vignettes about budding friendships, environmental isolation and whimsical possibilities. The play runs Thursdays through Saturdays through March 30. For more information call 841-6510.

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The Berkeley performance is Saturday, March 9, at 8 p.m. at First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant. Tickets are \$16 general, \$13 seniors, \$10 students. For reservations call 415-4500.

## One-woman show

Black Repertory Group presents Katye E. Ridgeway in the one-woman show, *Woman of Color*. Written by Ridgeway and Mary Carroll and directed by Paula Martin, *Woman of Color* is "packed with storytelling, poetry, song and wit, all done with wisdom."

Remaining performances of the 55-minute show are March 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5. The show is especially appropriate for high school and college-age audiences.

The theater is at 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley. Call 652-2120 for information.

## 'Rocket'

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movie into a big budget enterprise.

"Originally we were going to make this for like \$40,000," director Wes Anderson said. "That was supposed to be a feature, but we ran out of money after about 15 minutes. The big thing when it came to *Bottle Rocket* is that we had a couple of million dollars."

Five million to be exact.

"It wouldn't have been done without him, both creatively and emotionally," said Owen Wilson, author of *Bottle Rocket*'s original screenplay, about Sakai's guiding influence.

Wilson, his brother Luke, and their friend Robert Musgrave all star in the film. The trio paid a visit to the Bay Area last week.

As the three discussed the production of *Bottle Rocket*, they agreed that its style is suited for Berkeley viewers, people who might prefer something a bit more offbeat than *Broken Arrow*.

"Any place where a nude guy can go to class for three months is really going to enjoy *Bottle Rocket*," Luke Wilson said. "It could be considered an independent, alternative movie, even though it has studio backing."

*Bottle Rocket* focuses on three friends without much direction who decide they want to pursue a life of crime. The problem is, they're not very good at it. Deadpan mishaps ensue.

Hollywood mainstay James Caan offers a supporting role as a master thief, and Lumi Cavazos (*Like Water for Chocolate*) turns up as a love interest for Musgrave.

Some might envision *Bottle Rocket* as a typical Generation X movie about directionless twentysomethings trying to find themselves. But Owen Wilson consciously steered away from that.

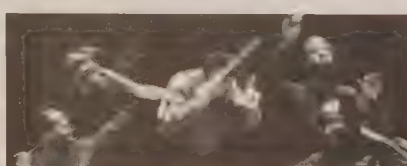
"It seems that people our age are always represented as somewhat cynical and jaded and we weren't much interested in that. They're innocent and ingenious and funny, hopefully. The important thing is that they have a lot of enthusiasm

and commitment and vitality, even if it is a little misplaced."

According to Caan, that's where the title *Bottle Rocket* came from. The principal cast members are compared to firecrackers, although like bottle rockets, they only go so far before burning out.

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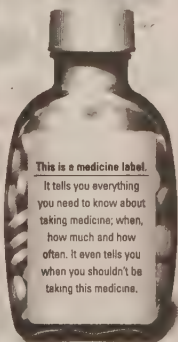
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**MUSICAL NOTES:** Maybeck Recital Hall is celebrating its 9th Anniversary Sunday with a performance by John Handy, Bill Goodwin, Herbie Lewis and Dick Whittington...Jazz Pianist Mark Little celebrates the release of his latest CD *The Tribe* with a champagne party Tuesday, March 12 at Yoshi's NiteSpot. Performances are scheduled at 8 and 10 p.m.

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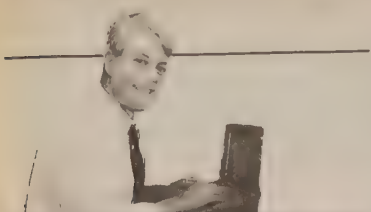
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MARTIN SNAPP

**Solidarity Forever:** Remember Nika Dahlbacka and Rachel Phillips? They're two Kaiser Elementary School students I wrote about last year when, as 9-year-olds, they won second place in the citywide finals of the Martin Luther King Oratorical Contest.

Well, they're back again, having won the regionals two weeks ago. But they almost didn't get to compete, thanks to the teachers' strike. The contest was held on what turned out to be the first day of the strike, and the girls were sitting in dread as their moms drove them there.

"If the teachers were picketing, we wouldn't go in," explains Nika. "We'd been practicing for months, but we just couldn't cross a picket line."

But there was no picket line. The teachers purposely chose not to picket the oratorical contest. In fact, many of them voluntarily drove their students to the contest, then went back to picketing.

And after the contest, one of the union leaders was spotted giving a school administrator a gleeful high-five over the marvelous performance of "their" kids.

Maybe there's hope that we can all come together when the strike ends, after all.

Meanwhile, an even bigger problem is lurking for these students after they get out of high school: namely, how in the world are they ever going to pay for their college education?

Worry no more, kids. Edward Bear of El Cerrito and his daughter, Mariah, have written a book called "Finding Money For College 1996." And you'd be amazed at the number of scholarships that are sitting out there, waiting for someone to claim them. For instance:

**Former caddies from New Jersey:** Scholarship from the New Jersey State Golf Association.

**Children of glassblowers:** Four \$2,000 awards a year from the Glass Bottle Blowers Association of Media, Pennsylvania.

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**Needy Lefties:** Four scholarships for southpaws attending Juniata College.

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**People named Baxendale, Borden, Pennoyer or Murphy:** There are scholarships waiting for you at Harvard.

**Convicted prostitutes in Seattle:** A judge established this scholarship fund which, for some reason, has been very little used.

**Innocent Merriment:** Finally, a few words of praise for The Lamplighters' sparkling new version of Gilbert & Sullivan's uproarious sendup of the British political system, "Iolanthe," which opened Saturday night at the Lindland Theater in San Francisco.

If you haven't been turned on to G & S yet, this production is a good place to start. There's not much of a plot: This one is about the invasion of the House of Lords by a bunch of fairies. (!)

It's just an excuse for Gilbert's wickedly funny lyrics, which are even funnier when set to Sullivan's sublimely gorgeous music. And it's funnier still when sung with a completely straight face, without the usual nudge-nudge, wink-winks.

And that's what The Lamplighters do to perfection. I nearly fell out of my seat when Dick Martin intoned this pompous paean to the English class system:

*When Wellington thrashed Bonaparte  
As every child can tell,  
The House of Lords throughout the war  
Did nothing in particular  
And did it very well.*

Kudos all around, with a special bouquet for Jean Zaija, who stole the show playing the Fairy Queen. Think of Bette Midler as Queen Victoria, and you've got the idea.

It's no wonder The Lamplighters won the grand prize at last summer's international Gilbert & Sullivan festival in Buxton, England.

*Iolanthe* runs every weekend until the end of the month. Check it out; a splendid time is guaranteed for all.

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in The Journal. Phone Martin at 273-9543; write him c/o Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619; or E-mail him at Snapp@BMUG.org or CATMAN 666@AOL.com

## Ballot

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public and are subject to public scrutiny while the three department heads implement those policies and work behind the scenes, he said.

"The council is in a better position than the voters to observe their performance in office."

"I prefer to maintain the elected status if a qualified person is available," Police Chief Larry Murdo said. "If no one comes forward, the council must have the power to appoint."

The council recently upgraded the qualifications for Police Chief and the charter requires that he be an Albany resident. Murdo said he was not sure the one or two qualified officers currently on the force would be interested in serving. The legal procedure for filling the office if no one ran is being looked into.

City Treasurer Kim Denton took no position on elected vs. appointed but indicated that the part-time treasurer might serve as other than a full department head.

"I understand that the council and city administrator want to appoint and that voters jealously guard their right to choose," said City Attorney Robert Zweben. But "contract city attorneys" would cost more and not serve the city as

well, he said. "You get a better deal with an elected city attorney."

Speakers on the issue came down about equally on both sides. Those favoring appointed positions said the council would be able to search statewide for the best person and would be able to remove unsatisfactory people. The city would have more control and officials would "not have to depend on winning a popularity contest," they said.

Those favoring keeping the positions elected said the three officials do a better job if they are directly responsive to the voters. The system works very well as is; the proposal is "an insult to the voters" and "will turn the city on its head," they said.

"The Albany charter has served us very well and, just like the United States Constitution, I don't think we should fiddle with it without very good reason," said Councilmember Robert Good. Reasons given by proponents that city officials would be more accountable, more qualified and more agreeable didn't wash with Good.

"We need independent voices and the checks and balances that separately-elected officials bring," he said.

On one point, however, Councilmember Thelma Rubin disagreed.

"I strongly believe that the police chief should be appointed. The police have to be under civilian control. The council can only control the budget," Rubin said.

Rubin said she did not feel strongly about the council attorney position, but believed that the police chief should be put on the ballot alone.

"I didn't agree with one single thing Bob Good said," Councilmember Bruce Mast said. Because there were enough contested elections, Mast said he favors the three positions on one ballot measure at once.

Mayor Mike Brodsky said the whole proposal was "under consideration," but he wants to hear more public input and more time to think about it.

The mayor directed the Charter Review Commission to come up with a definite recommendation on putting the positions on the ballot together or separately, to use plain language for the measure or measures and submit consideration at a future meeting.

While the Charter Review Committee is meeting to discuss the proposed initiative to put regular appointment and removal of city board and committee members into the charter, consideration of the measure is not on their agenda.

## Policy

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neighborhood and community.

Three specific issues came under more intense discussion in a previous discussion of the policy. Questions were raised as to how "welcome" independent schools really are in El Cerrito neighborhoods, how long temporary portable buildings should be allowed for school use, and the extent to which independent schools should be allowed to use public parks for their programs.

At the March 4 meeting, staff brought back alternative policy statements regarding those issues. In the end, council members opted not to adopt any policy at all.

Councilmember Norma Jellison was one of several who suggested a guidelines-only approach might be a better one in dealing with planning for independent schools. The council made no decision as to what to do about guidelines in general. Though Councilmember Norman La Force moved to table "this policy statement and guidelines," Mayor Cathie Kosel repeated the motion as a tabling of the policy. That motion passed on a 4 to 1 vote.

The council did send one issue — the use of public parks by private organizations — to the Park and Recreation Commission for review and comment.

In her comments to the council, Jellison shared her concern that public and private schools were not being treated equitably, noting that "we don't get to vote" on public school activities. She said the current private schools in El Cerrito, all of which are "adjacent to parks" and sited in former public schools, are quite different from one another and should be dealt with "on a case by case basis."

"This is a no win situation for us if we adopt a policy," she said, recommending instead the adoption of guidelines, "a lot of dialogue" with affected neighborhoods, and dealing with expected impacts through the California Environmental Quality Act process.

Jellison also addressed the "hottest issue," the use of parks. Noting the council's goal to make park and recreation programs self-supporting, she said private schools might be treated the same as other organizations using the parks and contributing financially to their upkeep. She

cited the El Cerrito Tennis Club and the El Cerrito Baseball Foundation as examples.

On the other hand, she noted that state guidelines encourage the siting of public schools next to public parks so they can be well utilized. While public parks are not well-used by public schools, she said, the city could not collect fees from them if they did.

She said no public school had adopted an adjacent park, planted trees, raised money to replace equipment or picked up litter as many independent schools have done and believes preventing private school use would be a form of discrimination.

Councilmember Mae Ritz believes permit applications have been processed well in the past and questioned the need for a policy.

She expressed her concerns about school size and over-use of the parks by independent schools when other citizens might wish to use them. She agrees with those who believe there should be "no regular ongoing use."

Ritz believes both the size and parking issues, however, can be addressed through the permit process.

Councilmember Norman La Force said the whole issue was becoming divisive. Unlike Ritz and Jellison, who both showed interest in establishing permit guidelines, he advised against the adoption of guidelines or a policy.

He expressed his concerns about "pitting the public schools against the private schools" and raising issues of religion and the first amendment, "capping enrollment" at St. Jerome's or any other school "ipso facto" as an absolute, for example. (There are two Roman Catholic and one Jewish school in El Cerrito.)

La Force shared his ongoing interest in different types of public/private partnerships "in everything we do."

"I think we're sending the wrong message here," he said, referring to the suggestion that "regular, ongoing use" not be allowed.

"I don't know what kind of message that is sending to a school like Prospect that rehabilitated a city park, put in park equipment at its own expense and offered it to the public for public use."

La Force said he had never had a complaint during his

four years as a council member from a residential neighborhood. "I couldn't use the parks because private schools were using it; he did not want a policy set on assumptions."

La Force also agreed with a member of the public who had suggested that the proposed guidelines just repeating language already in the city's ordinance, as well as some points "with no real teeth" might just "trip people up."

"Independent schools do bring some benefits to neighborhoods," said Councilmember Jane Bartke. She believes stated guidelines are important and that residents protect the "character of their neighborhood."

Such guidelines would provide steps for the council to look at when applications are submitted, she said.

Bartke equated private schools to private clubs. She does not believe their students should require use of public facilities. She supports only occasional use of parks by schools and advocated for "fair share" compensation for use of public facilities.

Bartke voted against the tabling of the policy. Mayor Cathie Kosel called the parks issue a "difficult philosophical discussion." Like Bartke, other council members, she said it should be more fully discussed by the Park and Recreation Commission.

She also questioned whether the preponderance of private schools in the city encourages less support for public schools.

It is believed that the city of El Cerrito has more schools per square mile than any other Bay Area city.

Several residents had addressed the council out of concern to them, including that of increasing the size and use of the city's parks by private schools.

Concern was also expressed that the Parks and Recreation Commission had not had an opportunity to review the document in order to give its own input on public parks.

Several residents, however, including Parks Commissioner Brenda Navellier, agreed with members that the city might not need a policy.

"Why do we need one?" said Navellier. "The lines are the real issue and the impacts to the neighborhood."

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safer and faster, said Sirafinejad.

One of the most sweeping changes to the system will be the reconfiguration of the 80/580 interchange, where traffic will merge to the right from eastbound I-80 to get to the San Rafael Bridge. That will spare freeway users the danger of merging across the high speed lanes on the left of the freeway, as well as keeping the new HOV lane free of merging traffic, Sirafinejad said. The same principle will apply to the reconfiguration of the Buchanan Street on-ramp to eastbound I-80, which will allow drivers to merge into traffic from the right instead of the left.

Freeway access on Buchanan will also be altered, giving drivers the option of direct access to westbound 580 as well as both directions on I-80.

This improved access will allow Caltrans to close the Pierce Street onramp and offramp after the project is complete in 1999. Access from primarily residential

Pierce Street will no longer be necessary once the new onramps are completed, Sirafinejad said, adding that Pierce Street is not a street designed to handle heavy freeway traffic.

Significant delays can be expected as the work commences, with as many as two lanes per direction being closed during commute hours. Although the freeway will for the most part be running at some level at all times, it will at times be closed entirely between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., with traffic diverted to alternate routes depending on which portion is being worked on.

Significant daytime construction noise can be expected for those who live close to the freeway. Caltrans plans to use large pile drivers to add columns to the existing freeway structure to prevent collapse during earthquakes.

Work on westbound portions of the freeway will begin in May, while construction on the eastbound portions will

begin some time in 1997.

Also involved in the project are construction of Bay Trail along the waterfront and East Front Street and restoration of a quarter mile portion of Golden Gate Fields.

According to Mayor Mike Brodsky, the project will involve cutting down non-native vegetation along the creek and replacing it with native riparian plants as willows, which will provide better shade for the creek and allow other native plants to take hold. The project, which will also involve reshaping the banks, was planned with the help of the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the project during negotiations between Caltrans and the city.

"We had Caltrans over a barrel and we got something good," Brodsky said.

Caltrans will also perform some wetland restoration on the marshes near Golden Gate Fields.

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Harris pointed out that the project would take about \$12,000 of the taxpayers' money.

"That's a regional transportation hook," said Mayor Cathie Kosel in response. "One twisted ankle will cost you \$12,000."

"Well then, we'll do it," said Harris, who did not give details as to whether Caltrans would have to wait for dry weather to construct the walkway.

In other updates, Harris said the Potrero Avenue and Carlson Boulevard ramps are open, though the "hook ramp" to access west bound I-80 from Potrero will not open until "sometime this spring."

It was closed, he said, for earthquake retrofitting of the

supporting columns. That work may necessitate the closing of the entire ramp at some point "for a half-day or so," he said.

Carlson Boulevard was closed for about six months to allow sound wall construction in the area.

Councilmember Jane Bartke asked about the San Pablo Dam Road onramp, which many El Cerrito residents utilize to travel eastbound. According to Harris, unexpected underground water has caused continuous problems for construction at the ramp, which was to have been closed for one month and has been closed for many months already.

Harris said he joined the team last June and realized at that time that the projected completion date had been "way too optimistic."

## School

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Another speaker said he is one of a group of neighbors frustrated in their attempt to ascertain where responsibility for alleviating traffic impacts lies.

"We've heard the city say it's their (the district's) problem and we've heard your architect say it's not in their jurisdiction. We've been pushed around and the city council doesn't want to do anything," he said.

Dave McMahon is another resident who has begun circulating a petition for a commitment from the city and district to work together in mitigating any traffic impacts.

"One of my frustrations is it seems to take the public coming to these meetings two or three times to get things to happen," McMahon said.

In terms of traffic and safety, School Boardmember Marsha Skinner said she's seen an effort to control problems a recent visit to MacGregor Primary School (kitty-corner from the middle school site).

"I saw an Albany police car with radar and the way people were parking. There was a staff person making contact with people who were causing concern. My visit was unannounced so it wasn't that they were out because they knew I would be there," she said.

Blum, however, said the police have only recently started making appearances in the area.

"The policeman is there because we have asked the police for several months to come out to the school. This is a new development," he said.

Hudson noted that soon after the middle school is open

MacGregor will likely shut down and its student population will move to the current middle school site off Marin Avenue.

Hudson reiterated the district's intent to follow through with an environmental review on the proposed school plan.

"There's been no information for an environmental review. As soon as we have (the school's) schematic design it's our intent to bring it to the public," he said, adding his own concern to others listed.

"There are a number of concerns (presented tonight) that existed before the new middle school. I would hate to think there's an expectation that the school district can solve a pre-existing condition," he said.

Board President Alan Riffer said the district is nearly ready to respond to concerns.

"Once we have the traffic study we will be able to use that as a basis for mitigating rather than expectations about what the impact will be."

"I think we want to be good neighbors and the schools have been an asset for the community," Riffer said. Skinner said she hopes the neighborhood meetings will help resolve resident concerns.

"I look forward to meeting folks. There are some misconceptions about what is happening," she said.

As to what is happening, the district received a traffic analysis on the school's impact Feb. 20 conducted by Omni Engineers/Planners. The report has not yet been officially received by the School Board.

Continuing rains are causing the onramp to be continually crumpled, said Harris, who hopes the onramp open by spring "if everything goes right." However, despite Bartke's comment that "it doesn't go right, the ramp may end up with a period of almost 1-1/2 years."

Harris also gave a number of projected completion dates for different segments of the 16-1/2 mile HOV highway constructed along the freeway between the Highway 4. First to open will be the section of the San Pablo Dam Road and Pinole Valley Road directions. That portion is scheduled to open "this fall," he said.

Complete construction is not expected until

While the report concludes that the school will significantly increase traffic levels beyond the level of service, traffic is projected to increase 20 percent on Brighton Avenue with a projected increase in daily vehicle trips once the school is in operation.

In the report, streets are graded on an "A" basis, the "A" rating being given to streets with uncongested operations and little or no delay.

The increase in traffic on Brighton Avenue is projected to maintain daily volumes in the "B" vehicle range. The reports notes "while increases would be recognized by adjacent streets (particularly during the school's arrival and departure periods) Brighton Avenue would function as a residential collector street with no delay."

In terms of parking available for staff, the report currently calls for a 41-space parking lot to accommodate 48 teachers and staff and 15 additional spaces for parents.

The report recommends that curbs along the school driveways be red curbed to improve visibility. In its conclusion to report also notes that a defined drop-off/pick-up area could be located on Brighton Avenue frontage. It is suggested that the zone should include appropriate signs and that school staff to provide "a safe and efficient



## Concrete blob eating Oakland will be ready — kinda



Lowell Cohn

The Oakland Coliseum is currently one of the premier mudholes on the West Coast.

There was a media tour of the facility the other day. It was supposed to reassure folks that the mudhole will be a baseball field by March 30, when the A's play the Giants in the Bay Bridge Series. The tour was preceded by a mini-press conference in the Coliseum Cafe which featured a promotional video which may or may not have had anything to do with the A's and their ballpark. Shots included Connie Mack,

who as far as I know never managed for Oakland, and Jackie Robinson, who as far as I know never played for Oakland, and Hank Aaron, Ted Williams, George Belle and Kevin Costner. Kevin Costner?

The video was designed to make the guests feel good about baseball, which in turn was designed to make them feel good about the mudhole, although they hadn't yet seen the mudhole.

Then some architects and builders and Ed Alvarez, the A's executive vice president in charge of firing people, got up to speak. They used the words "exciting" and "excited" to describe their attitude about the renovation, although they looked more "nervous" than "excited."

After that, the tour began. Well, not exactly. First everyone had to sign releases holding the Coliseum and all the architects and builders and their mothers-in-law and uncles blameless in case a steel beam landed on a reporter's head. Then we had to put on hardhats as protection against flying concrete,

nails and buttresses. Finally, we were led out to the new, improved Coliseum.

And what did we see? Well, the stands looked as if a terrorist had dropped a small nuclear warhead into the seats behind what used to be the first-base line. There were no seats, although there were plenty of concrete slabs.

The field itself looked like those dreary dirt parking lots at Candlestick Park, only worse.

Except for a few places, the playing surface was bald gray dirt. One of the architects said the field will be ready for the Bay Bridge Series. No sweat.

Then we looked toward centerfield. Remember those friendly bleachers and the ice plant? They're history. Right now, 350 workers are putting up this big concrete thing — I can't find a more specific noun — which will contain several levels of seats and luxury boxes, which, as far as I can tell, do a lot more for football than baseball.

The architects and builders assured everyone that the Coliseum



Jeff Lundquist

will be more baseball-friendly than ever before. A handout which used the phrase state-of-the-art an inordinate number of times, bragged about the comfortable seats (state of the art, of course), the "20,000-square-foot air-conditioned Baseball Club with dining area and

two-story window overlooking the field, sports bar and video chandelier." (Hey, can I get one of those chandeliers for my house?), two new state-of-the-art electronic scoreboards and video boards, 20,000-square-foot club concourse with specialty food service stands,

and lots more.

It all sounds pretty nice, and it will be convenient and modern, but it's not the old Coliseum, charming and friendly for baseball. The architects say they're trying to "mitigate that

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## Jackets girls at home in the Coliseum Friday

CIF NorCal Girls Semifinals —  
Berkeley vs. Archbishop Mitty  
March 8, Oakland Coliseum, 4 p.m.

## Jackets have it easy through first 2 rounds

By David Martindale

The Oakland Coliseum Arena is the Berkeley High girls basketball team's home. And the Yellowjackets like to furnish it with North Coast Section championship.

Berkeley roared through the CIF playoffs, crushing defending champion Bishop O'Dowd, 61-26, in the semifinals to win its fifth sectional championship in the last seven years. With the win, the Jackets advanced to the CIF Northern California championships, where they continued to dominate. Berkeley completely outmatched Balboa-San Francisco Tuesday night, whipping the Buccaneers, 64-20. The victory earned Berkeley a trip to the NorCal semifinals Friday at the Coliseum.

The Coliseum also played a part in the Jackets win over BOD on Saturday, although the game was played at St. Mary's College in Moraga.

Berkeley had to play most of the first half without coach Gene Nakamura on the bench. Each team required to have an administrator stand with the fans, a role usually filled by Athletic Director David Higgins. But Higgins was stuck in a traffic jam near the Coliseum Complex. A truck had dumped a load of furniture in the road, blocking the lanes and Higgins path to St. Mary's.

Nakamura was the only Berkeley administrator in Moraga, so he had to watch the game from the bleachers.

Nakamura made it to the bench 14 minutes remaining in the second quarter to find his team holding a modest 14-8 lead. But with its lead in place, the Jackets went on a 16-0 run and had the game in the bag midway through the third quarter.

Nakamura talked to them at halftime and

told them they weren't playing like section champions," Nakamura said. "I told them we've got to play like we want to win."

And that's just what they did. Tiffany Green scored nine of her game-high 19 points in the third quarter, and Shavaki Jackson, who scored no points but picked up three fouls in the first half, made all of the last five shots she took as the Jackets won going away.

"Tiffany Green stepped up big," Nakamura said. "I've been after her to hit the open outside shot."

"He told me I was open," Green said. "He tells me 'Shoot the rock, Tiff,' so I shot it."

Deonna Sayles added 14 points for Berkeley and Jackson finished with 10.

"In the first half we weren't playing our basketball," Green said. "It's the NCS championships, we were a little nervous, then coach came back and we took control of the game."

The Jackets stormed through the first two rounds without so much as a scratch. Berkeley pounded Mission San Jose last Wednesday, 62-18. Charika Davis scored 19 points and grabbed 18 rebounds and the Jackets held the Warriors scoreless in the third quarter.

Berkeley faced Bay Valley Athletic rival Pittsburg in the NCS semifinals last Friday at Alameda High. Davis again led the way with 18 points and Jackson scored 14 and grabbed 20 rebounds as the Jackets won, 65-42.

Tuesday night, Balboa hung with Berkeley. For about eight minutes.

Berkeley led 16-8 after the first period, but allowed the Bucs to score only a single point in the second. A huge third quarter, highlighted by Green's 10 points and nifty behind-the-back pass to Coriel Davis for a layup, iced the contest for Berkeley and put it in the NorCal semis where they will face Archbishop Mitty. Berkeley (26-4) is the third seed. Mitty is seeded second.



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Berkeley's Shavaki Jackson will be counted on Friday as the Jackets face Mitty in NorCal.

## Boys bow out against battling BOD

By David Martindale

For the Berkeley High boys basketball team, the 1995-96 season was one of streaks. Sometimes the Yellowjackets were on, and sometimes they were just a little off.

Heading into last Friday night's North Coast Section playoff semifinals against Bishop O'Dowd, Berkeley was definitely on.

After starting the season losing six of 11 games, the Jackets came back to post a 13-3 record that carried them to the Bay Valley Athletic League title and into the NCS tournament. But their final streak came just short of pushing them to the win. O'Dowd survived Berkeley's late surge for a 59-55 win at Alameda High.

Berkeley came back from a 10-point deficit, with 5 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter to tie O'Dowd at 53-53 with 1:30 to go. Marcus Williams' putback of Donte Lane's missed free throw capped a 13-2 Jackets' run, but it was not quite enough to make up for the hole they had dug themselves.

The Jackets' late surge, fueled by a tenacious defense had BOD rattled, on the run and most of all tired.

"It did look like we were wearing O'Dowd down," said Berkeley coach Dan Palley. "We even got a couple of hoops in our set offense. It appeared we were fatiguing them."

But Lane lost the ball to BOD's Reggie Jackson, then missed a jumper. And Byron Vincent threw the ball away on the Jackets' final possession to end the game. O'Dowd did its part, however. The

Boys NCS  
Semifinal  
O'Dowd 59  
Berkeley 55

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## BHS crew back at Aquatic Park

Gray Cathrall

After a 25-year absence, Berkeley High's crew teams return to the calm waters at Aquatic Park.

This Saturday from 9-11, more than 80 members of the Yellowjackets men's and women's teams will be involved in the trials for selecting varsity and novice crews for the 1996 spring season.

Berkeley began its crew program at Aquatic in 1967 and practiced and hosted meets there until 1972, when it moved to the Oakland Estuary.

Aquatic Park, at the west edge of Berkeley, adjacent to Interstate 80, is a wind-protected body of water and is not affected by the tidal conditions inherent at the Oakland Estuary.

"All men's and women's crews will have a chance to beat the clock Saturday," said BHS men's

coach Vince Horpel. "It'll give everybody a chance to see how fast they can cover a 1,000 meter distance."

Although races customarily are 2,000 meters, the consistency of 1,000-meter times this weekend will be a good indication of how each boat will cover 2,000 meters once the season begins.

"We are looking at this as an opportunity to bring eights (8-oar shells) rowing back to Berkeley," Horpel said.

## Tryouts for ACC Mavericks soccer

The Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League begins tryouts for its competitive teams, the ACC Mavericks, this weekend. Teams for the 1996-97 season will be formed and will be comprised of Under-10 through Under-14-year-olds.

All tryouts will be held at Fielding Field, 5th and Harrison, at the Berkeley-Albany border.

Call 655-8500 for more information.

## Tryout Schedule

Boys' Teams - Saturday, March 9  
Under-10: 8:30 a.m.  
Under-11: 10:30 a.m.  
Under-12: 12:30 p.m.  
Under-13: 2:30 p.m.  
Under-14: 2:30 p.m.

Boys' Teams - Sunday, March 10  
Under-14: 2:30 p.m.

Older boys' teams (Under-15 through Under-19) will have tryouts in April, with teams formed by May 15.

Girls' Teams - Sunday, March 10  
Under-14: 10:30 a.m.  
Under-11 and Under-12: 12:30 p.m.

Under-12: 2:30 p.m.

In addition to forming Class I teams (the highest competitive level), the tryouts also will serve to form league-wide Class III teams. All girls who wish to play competitive soccer next fall in age groups Under-11 through Under-14 must try out.

Older girls' teams (Under-15 through Under-19) will begin tryouts for Class I and Class III teams on April 14.



# BHS lacrosse team gets revenge — 10 months later

By Gray Cathrall

Some guys never forget. Ten months ago, Berkeley High's lacrosse team battled into the finals of the Northern California High School Lacrosse League. It had the championship within grasp until Acalanes scored a goal in the last 30 seconds. That loss has been haunting the Yellowjackets and coach Chris Sparhawk ever since. A scheduling quirk put the Dons at Berkeley's field for the first game of the season Saturday, and in hindsight, nothing could have been better.

Attackman Nam Nguyen scooped up a loose ball and winged it into the Acalanes net just 10 seconds into a sudden-death overtime period to give the Jackets a thrilling 5-4 victory in the

opener of their 1996 season.

BHS coaches Sparhawk and Cregg Sweeney clearly were prepared this time. Berkeley came onto its home field appearing confident, and after the first period proved they were a better-focused and better-conditioned team than Acalanes.

Ryan Van Valer scored to give the Jackets an early, 1-0 lead. The Dons tied it midway through the first quarter, but were held scoreless until the final three minutes of regulation.

Berkeley dominated play on offense, displaying great ball control with smooth, steady passing. Meanwhile, its defense gave Acalanes little room to maneuver.

Attackman Op Aiem-Sa-Ard put Berkeley in the lead at the half, 2-1, with a goal in the second quarter. Despite some fine saves by the Acalanes goalie, the Jackets continued their dominance in the third quarter with Van Valer's second goal of

the game, a rocket shot into the upper corner of the net, and a deft flick of the wrists by Ben Wolan of a ricochet off the goal post.

Coasting into the fourth quarter with a 4-1 lead, it looked like a romp for Berkeley. But local lacrosse fans have learned over the years that with Acalanes, it's never over until the final whistle.

Late in the fourth quarter, there was a lengthy game delay due a player injured on the field. The break seemed to energize the Dons, or at least give them an opportunity to focus.

In the space of three minutes, the entire game changed, as a rejuvenated Acalanes team fired in three straight goals to tie the game, 4-4, and send it into overtime. Berkeley appeared tired, and after seeing its once insurmountable lead evaporate, it was in shock.

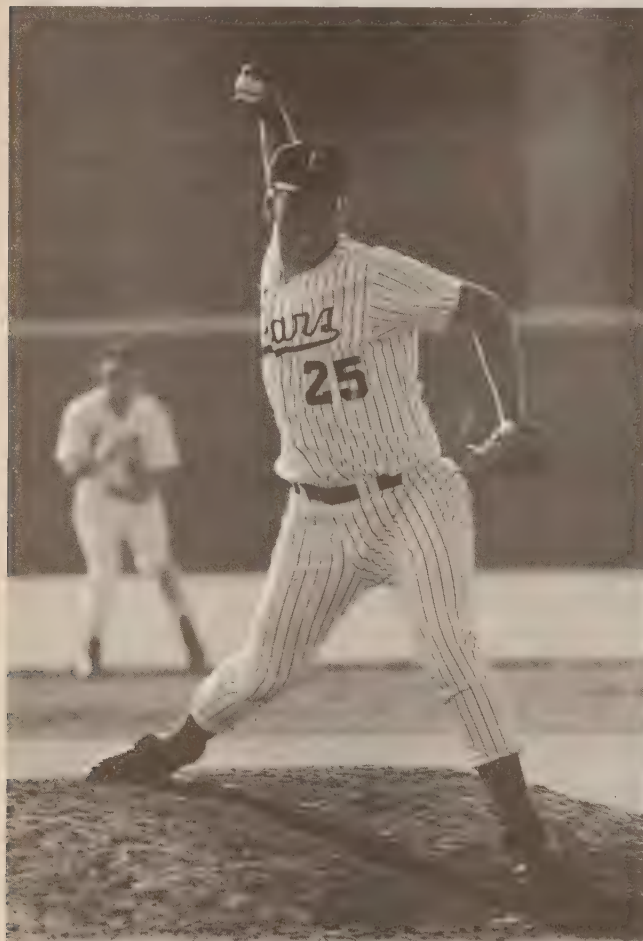
A brief rest prior to the overtime period apparently was enough time for coach Sparhawk and Nguyen to



Berkeley's Ryan Van Valer, left, scored two goals Saturday against Acalanes.

map the winning strategy. It only took 10 seconds for the winning goal to be scored. But the hero of the hour, Nam Nguyen, was nowhere to be seen.

He was buried under a huge pile of Berkeley players, all celebrating their win in the sweetest possible start of their new season.



Cal coach Bob Milano says of Ryan Drese: "Some day he'll have the opportunity to be a big-time professional."

## Drese: O'Dowd to Cal — College World Series, and the majors next?

By John Gardella

Growing up in Oakland, playing his high school ball at Bishop O'Dowd, Ryan Drese always dreamed of wearing a green and gold uniform and pitching in the Coliseum for the hometown A's.

After being selected in the fifth round of the 1994 draft by the A's, it looked as if Drese would get the opportunity to live out a dream. But the two sides weren't able to agree on a contract. So, Drese had to put one dream on hold.

But the decision not to sign with his favorite team allowed other dreams to take form for the 6-foot-4 pitcher.

Drese accepted a scholarship to pitch at Cal, where he started as a freshman on a rebuilding Bears team that advanced to the NCAA tournament.

Now, while he thinks about the future and playing major league baseball, he focuses on the College World Series and the Olympics.

"I think this team could win the national championship," the sophomore said. "We play in the toughest conference in the country, so by the time the tournament starts we'll be ready."

If Cal does go all the way (it was ranked No. 5 in preseason polls and is currently No. 21 in the Baseball America poll) a lot of the credit will have to go to Drese and his mid-90s fastball.

"Ryan's got a great deal of potential," said Cal coach Bob Milano, who recently notched his 600th win as the Bears' skipper. "Some day he'll have the opportunity to be a big-time professional."

In 18-plus years at Cal, Milano has seen 70 of his players drafted by major league teams. He compares Drese favorably to Chuck Cary, who, after his Cal career, went on to pitch for the Tigers, Braves, Yankees, and White Sox.

"They are very similar," the two-time Pac-10 Co-Coach of the Year said. "They have similar styles, and they both learned to pitch after their freshman year."

Drese leads the 11-10 Bears in innings pitched (27 2/3) and strikeouts (19). He has a 1-2 record and a 2.93 ERA in four starts. He and junior Keith Evans anchor a strong pitching staff.

Drese's value to the Bears was highlighted this past weekend when, because of a sore shoulder, he was forced to miss a start against UCLA. Cal dropped both games to the Bruins. It was the first time in 10 years that UCLA swept Cal in a baseball series.

Although regarded as one of Cal's two top pitchers, Drese, who plans on majoring in mass communications, said he doesn't feel much pressure. A look at his resume of national and international competition, one isn't surprised by his confidence.

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### Baseball team swept

The No. 11 ranked Cal baseball team (11-10, 0-3) was swept by UCLA (4-1, 11-8, 5-4) last weekend at Jackie Robinson Stadium in Los Angeles. Despite being swept, the Bears still received strong hit-

ting performances from senior Jonathan Petke, junior Ivan Lewis and sophomore Gary Johnson. Petke was 6-for-12 with three RBI, Lewis was 4-for-10 with two RBI and is now 16-for-16 in stolen bases this season and Johnson was 4-for-12 with a double, a home run and four RBI.

### Men's gymnasts whip Stanford, San Jose State

The Cal men's gymnasts whipped highly-regarded Stanford, as well as San Jose State by posting a 227.20 score, one of the top team totals in the nation this season. Josh Birkelbaw

placed first in the all-around with a career-best 57.00 while finishing in the top three in five of six events.

### Ruggers' 98-game streak snapped

The Cal rugby team fell to Stanford, 24-21, last Saturday, end-

ing its domestic winning streak at 98 and losing the Scrum Axe for the first time since 1979. With the Cardinal holding a 12-9 lead midway through the second half, Stanford scored two tries to break the game open, and the Bears could not recover.

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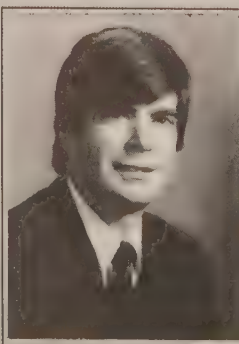
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## Remembering a colleague: in praise of a friend

A Special Tribute to Frederick Mitchell.

A month ago my office, JT, and I, Realtors, lost a good friend and real estate agent. Fred Mitchell died suddenly of a massive brain hemorrhage. He was 63. Our staff is, in every sense of the word, grieving. We're all trying to understand our business, but the overwhelming feeling of sorrow and loss are by all of us.

Fred's name plate is still posted in his cubicle (desk space) which gives you the feeling he hasn't really left us. You get the feeling, that every minute, he will come walking through the front door, always greeting everyone on his way to his desk or the computer (his favorite pastime). It seemed like Fred was always in the office. His presence was of confidence and stability, and our staff, Julie Lehman-Buttner, often relied on Fred to cover for her in his absence.

At our staff meeting, shortly after Fred's death, we shared our feelings about Fred and had a cake to celebrate the celebration of his life. It was a highly emotional session, and we provided some closure for such a tragic event. We sat around our conference table, and we all tried to

avoid looking at Fred's empty chair.

There is no doubt there will be a void in our office, but I am sure Fred would not like us to dwell upon his death. Fred was a very witty man, and he would want us to keep selling and not dwelling!

Barbara Kami, one of our agents, had a particularly close relationship with Fred and shares the following about him:

"During the four years that Fred and I worked together Fred was more than a colleague. He was a mentor. He genuinely cared about my feelings, my future, and what direction I was headed. His wisdom gained raising three daughters and his superb education helped me identify my own goals and realize where my true ambition lies.

His generous spirit and personal integrity remain as a beacon to all of us who knew him well. Last June, Fred unselfishly shared his own feelings and vision of the future and his mission with me."

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Gayle Tantau

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## 30-year rates continue to rise as March COFI falls

In its latest Primary Mortgage Market Survey released

eral Home Loan Mortgage Association (Freddie Mac) announced that the nationwide average for 30-year fixed rate mortgages was 7.41 percent, up from 7.32 percent the previous week.

The rate one year ago was 8.53 percent.

Lenders were asking an average of 5.38 percent for the initial rate of a Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs), up slightly from last week's average of 5.34.

The average starting rate for Treasury-indexed ARMs was 6.51 percent this time in 1995.

Rates on the 15-year fixed, a popular option in the refinance market, averaged 6.87 percent, up from last week's 6.77 percent.

This loan averaged 8.15 percent this time last year.

"Rates increased slightly on relatively strong economic news and continuing uncertainty around a balanced budget agreement, but we shouldn't see them much higher," said Freddie Mac's Chief Economist Robert Van Order.

This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 25th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey, having tracked mortgage interest rates since 1971.

Chartered by Congress in 1970, Freddie Mac helps insure a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders.

On Feb. 29, 1996, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for March payments at 5.033 percent, down from the 5.059 percent that was in effect for Feb. payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

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- 595 MARGARIDO...UPPER ROCKRIDGE...4BD, 2.5BA...\$534,000...KEN MACDONALD
- 59 BALMORAL DR...HILLCREST HGHLS...5BD, 3+BA...\$439,000...RUBY NG
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- 59 PASO ROBLES DR...MONTCLAIR...4BD, 2BA...\$285,000...NANCY DICKEY
- 59 MASONIC PL...UPPER ROCKRIDGE...2BD, 2BA...\$285,000...ADRIENNE BROCHE
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- ROOM TO ROAM...\$525,000
- Piedmont side of Montclair. Contemporary. 3-bedroom view, loads of space, over 1/4 acre lot. Montclair schools. 4 bedrooms, 2 plus rooms, family room, 2-car garage. **Vicky Faulk**
- CUSTOM TOWNHOUSE...\$415,000
- Stunning 2BD/2.5BA with great views of SF Bay & Bay Bridges. 2 frpls, large mst suite, extra garage & back brick patio. **Norm Robinow**
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- Sharp contemporary with remodeled kitchen, hwd floors & French doors. Oversized decks lead to jacuzzi tub. 4BD/2BA, walk-in closets and 2-car garage. **George Karsant**
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- Looking for Montclair setting and traditional ambience? Then call on this home. 3BD/2BA, gourmet kitchen, family room. Level-out to secluded patio/lawn area. **Ruby Ng**
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- 966 CRESTON...BERKELEY...3BR/3BA...\$519,000...MELISSA LYCKBERG
- 682 SANTA BARBARA...BERKELEY...3+BR/2.5BA...\$499,000...LYDIA MENSEN
- 725 SPRUCE...BERKELEY...4BR/2BA...\$445,000...MONA THOMPSON
- 1228 SHATTUCK...BERKELEY...2+BR/2BA+in-law...\$339,900...KIM CLEVELAND
- 1304 BAY VIEW PL...BERKELEY...3BR/2BA...\$329,500...DIANE VERDUCCI
- 2389 HILGARD...BERKELEY...3BR/2+BA...\$279,000...HEIDI LONG
- 1635 SCENIC #5...BERKELEY...2BR/1BA...\$225,000...LINDA GOLDMAN
- 1310 KAINS...BERKELEY...2BR/1+BA...\$199,950...KIM MARIENTHAL
- 2006 ROSE...BERKELEY...2+BR/1BA...\$199,000...CHRIS COHN
- 2806 GRANT...BERKELEY...2BR/1BA...\$159,000...JERRY LONG
- 1412 8TH ST...BERKELEY...2BR/1BA...\$149,000...SALLY HENDRICKSON
- 1504 CARLETON #B...BERKELEY...1BR/1BA...\$129,000...JANE ISHIBASHI
- 18 WILDWOOD PL...EL CERRITO...3BR/2.5BA...\$184,000...DIANA KAY
- 344 SCOTTS VALLEY...HERCULES...3BR/2.5BA...\$169,900...KAREN DANRICH
- 541 MANDANA...OAKLAND...3BR/1.5BA...\$259,000...DAVE MOSS
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- English style 3 bedrooms, 3 bath home with remodeled kitchen, master suite and peaceful gardens. Formal dining, 2 fireplaces and 3-bridge view!
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- BERKELEY HILLS IN THE OAKS...\$339,500
- 2 bedrooms, 2 baths contemporary style with lovely wooded views. Great Berkeley hills location, with large living room, formal dining and lovely garden
- TRADITIONAL NORTH BERKELEY TOWNHOUSE...\$279,000
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- REDUCED \$10,000! On a double lot with 11 large terraced beds and views from Albany hill. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath with fireplace, hardwood floors, sunny kitchen, new roof and more!
- ADORABLE 2-STORY COTTAGE...\$199,950
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- JUST LISTED! Sunny, spacious El Cerrito townhome with balcony and serene wooded patio. Watch the sunset from the master suite or warm yourself by the fireplace. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, interior laundry and 2 car garage.
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- EXCEPTIONAL OAKLAND BUNGALOW...\$152,000
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# REAL ESTATE FORUM

DIAN HYMER

Phone lines are ringing in realty offices around the San Francisco bay area. Home sale activity is picking up. If you have been waiting for an opportune time to sell your home and buy one that better suits your needs, this could be your year to make a move.

Megan and Tim Shanahan recently decided it was time for them to move on. They bought their current home in the Oakland Hills several years ago, and renovated it extensively. Although they loved their home, Tim Shanahan's three and one-half hour daily commute to work in Sunnyvale had become unbearable. Long hours on the road left the engineer little time to spend with his wife and two small children. So, Tim and Megan decided to trade a wonderful home for a more enjoyable life-style.

Coordinating a home sale and purchase isn't easy. The process is twice as complex as it was the very first time you bought because it involves two real estate transactions. There are many ways to go

## How not to sell your home: 10 common repeat mistakes

about effecting this kind of a move. Tim and Megan Shanahan went about it the right way. They put their home on the market with a \$489,000 price tag, and it sold in a matter of days due to its excellent condition and proper pricing. After the Oakland home was in escrow, they bought another home closer to Tim Shanahan's work.

It's wise to follow others' good examples and to learn by others' mistakes. So that your move will be a sane and sound one, here's a list of ten mistakes to avoid.

**1. Buying a replacement home before selling the old one.**

The temptation may be great to buy a replacement home first. That way you'll know where you are going, and how much you'll be paying. You won't have to worry about being left out in the cold if your home sells quickly, and you have no where to go.

However, the financial risks of buying first are great. It's far better to endure the inconvenience of moving to an interim rental—which rarely happens—than it is to end up owning and paying for two homes when you only want one.

**2. Basing the list price of your home on the price you would like to get rather than on market value.**

Market value determines the price of your home, not wishful

thinking. A buyer won't pay more for your home just because you think you need more to buy your next home.

Find out the market value of your current home by either having a real estate listing agent prepare a comparative market analysis, or by getting an appraisal from an appraisal firm. This will tell you the value of your home based on comparable sales information. With this information you can determine on accurate list price for the current market.

After you know what your home is likely to sell for, ask your agent to prepare a seller's net sheet which will tell you approximately how much cash you will net from the sale. Then, visit a mortgage broker, or loan agent, to get prequalified for a mortgage. This will tell you what price home you can afford to buy.

**3. Failing to get a "termite" report (or other indicated reports) before listing a home for sale.**

Sellers are often required to pay for eliminating wood pest (also known as "termite") infestation when they sell their home. They may also be asked to correct other defects. Sellers who know the condition of their home before they sell are in a better position to negotiate a firm sale because they can disclose existing reports on the property to buyers before they make an offer.

The Shanahans didn't obtain a termite inspection before they marketed their home because they didn't anticipate any problems. But, when the buyer had inspections done, there were a few surprises—some drainage and foundation work was recommended. It was the only mistake the couple made in selling their home.

Tim and Megan were protected, however, because their contract of sale included a contingency for them to approve the inspection report. If the cost of repairs exceeded what they were willing to pay, for example, the could terminate the sale. The Shanahans agreed to pay for a portion of the work.

Another smart move the couple made was that they didn't sign a contract to buy their replacement home until the inspections on their Oakland home had been completed.

**4. Putting a home on the market before it is spruced up.**

Buyers and real estate agents remember what they see. Their first impressions are lasting ones. If a property looks a mess when it hits the market, that is how agents will remember it.

Most people lack the vision to imagine what the home will look like when it's fixed up. It's usually better to delay marketing a home until it's spruced up for sale. Most buyers use agents to purchase homes

and agents are most excited about showing and selling homes that are in mint condition

**5. Refusing to reduce a listing price that is too high for the market.**

It's hard to be objective about the value of your home. This is why it's important to get a professional opinion before setting a list price. Overpriced listings often take a long time to sell. Then they sell for less than they would have if they were priced right to begin with.

It's natural to want to get the most money possible when you sell. Competitive pricing is the way to achieve that result. If you find that your list price is too high for the market, reduce your price sooner, not later. The longer it sits on the market unsold, the lower the ultimate selling price is likely to be.

**6. Refusing to counter a low offer.**

Sellers want to sell high; buyers like to buy low. A low offer from well-qualified buyers is better than no offer at all. A high offer from unqualified buyers only leads to disappointment. The price buyers offer is not the most important part of their offer, if they are willing to

negotiate.

**7. Insisting on being when the home is shown by prospective buyers.**

One way to discourage from buying your home during showings is to insist to be present. Buyers must discover, and discuss, flaws. Buyers are reluctant to anything negative about the seller's presence. It's leave your home when it's shown by prospective buyers.

**8. Listing with a company to find a replacement home.**

This is like saying that you might be for sale. Serious make offers on homes that are listed for sale. Buyers could vain for unrealistic sellers to accept a replacement home.

Sellers often want a company to find a replacement home they don't have to move to avoid having to make a interim rental, list your home provision that you may remain in possession and not back the property for a closing. At least, the buyers they have bought a home

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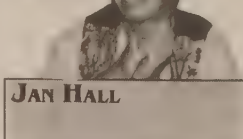
Often there's quite a bit more work that needs to be done before a home is ready to sell. In order to get the highest price possible when you sell a car, it's wise to have it detailed to look its shiny best. The same concept applies to selling houses. Buyers pay a premium for homes that are in move-in condition.

Dian Hymer is a broker associated with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Buying and Selling a Home in California," (Chronicle Books).

## BEC classes

Berkeley's non-profit Building Education Center offers over 50 weekend workshops on home building, remodeling and maintenance. On Sat., March 9, BEC presents: How to Get Your Permit Approved, Finish Carpentry, and Basic Home Repair and Improvement Skills. For a complete listing of classes call 525-7610.

## CALIFLORA



JAN HALL

Magnificent magnolia soulangiana (saucer magnolia) is blooming in landscapes all over the East Bay. I noticed at least half a dozen on my ride west down Broadway Terrace between the Warren Freeway and Broadway.

I observed the white cultivar (alba) not seen nearly so often as the pink to purplish-red variety. It is blooming in all its glory at the four way stop intersection of Broadway Terrace and Hermosa (look to your right—north). Alba makes a won-

# Saucer magnolias abloom in East Bay

derful landscape statement, this one was no exception - well worth a look if you plan on using a saucer magnolia in your landscape.

If you check out Sunset's *Western Gardening*, you will find five pages of varying magnolias. Of all the magnolia's listed, the saucer magnolia is one that can be used in a small to moderate sized residential landscape.

The saucer magnolia will assert its presence throughout the year. Sometime between February to March it will make a bold spring statement by holding its four to six tulip-like blooms upright on a naked branch. As the blooms begin to open and the petals drop, the lime green spring leaves will begin to appear.

During the summer and fall its coarse, medium green leaves will add a cool appearance to the landscape. Once it drops its leaves in the fall, the tree's attractive gray multi-

trunk will lend a beautiful accent to the winter landscape.

Cultural needs are easily met in the Bay Area. Sun to part shade, able to live in poor soils, moderate to high water makes it an easy stunner. The saucer magnolia is a slow grower reaching a maximum height and spread of 25 feet, but easily kept smaller by pruning (after flowering). It can be used in a lawn or as a patio plant, in or out of a container.

Now for the down side of the tree. It drops large flowers in spring and coarse large leaves in the fall. Someone has to clean them up! The only pests I am aware of are mites, but I have not come across any tree that has been mite infested.

## Peach and nectarine leaf curl

A bit of change in subject because it is important to catch this disease before the peach tree buds begin to open.

Peach leaf curl ran rampant last year due to the prolonged rainy season. The fungal disease enters through the buds as they begin to swell and open. Once the disease is manifest there is no cure for that season. If the tree is not sprayed with lime-sulfur spray before the bud opening begins there is no doubt that the fungus will invade.

A multitude of spores overwinter on stems, branches and twigs, waiting for spring to arrive. Spores are then blown or washed into the opening bud. The leaves emerge looking beautiful, green and lush. As the leaves mature they start to pucker and turn red. Eventually the leaves develop white spots which are the spores for next seasons invasion.

Your only hope is to spray the tree before the buds begin to open. Last year if you did spray prior to opening it did no good, for the rains

See MAGNOLIAS on page 25

# MASON McDUFFIE...Welcome Home

## OAKLAND / PIEDMONT



ENGLISH CHARM IN PIEDMONT! \$1,495,000  
Beautiful handcrafted woodwork & exquisite artistic details enhance this very spacious Tudor on 1/3 acre in ideal location. Gracious library opens to elegant terraces. CAROLE BERGER 428-0900, 644-5499

PIEDMONT 4 BEDROOM \$519,000  
New listing! Lovely, gracious rms for entertaining w/all charm of 1925! Charming library, mstr ste, 4BR, 2.5BA great central location. NANCY LEHRKIND 428-0900

BRIDGE VIEW!! \$439,000  
Sunshine, decks & privacy in this 4+BR, 2+BA retreat on 1/2 acre. Media room, studio, more! BOOMER 339-9290, 869-4202

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The very best in townhome living, tucked away in the heart of town! Two master suites, fabulous creekside setting, convenient to all transportation. CAROLYN JONES 644-5426

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Clients have lived at facility over 5 yrs. Special SRF license. 4BR, 2BA home / live-in staff quarters. Owner assist w/ license. Seller financing available. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

WALK TO PIEDMONT AVENUE... \$221,500  
From this spacious 4BR, traditional. Extremely motivated seller offering \$5,000 toward repairs. CAROL COSTA 339-8888, 653-8201

DIAMOND VICTORIAN \$169,500  
Beautifully renovated 2BR classic w/updated kit, sunny deck & gorgeous garden. G. BOOMER 339-9290, 869-4202

REDUCED PRICE, NOT CHARM! \$159,500  
Standing starter w/2+BR, 2BA, finished attic, office/studio, light eat-in kitchen. Wonderful large yard w/chicken coop & chickens! Millsmont - convenient to freeway here! N. HINKLEY 428-0900

UPPER LAUREL \$155,000  
2BR w/convenient floorplan. Move-in condition! Seller too. G. BOOMER 339-9290, 869-4202

EXCELLENT VALUE \$151,500  
Bright & spacious 2BR, 2BA unit on 18th flr of Lakeside Agency; over 1350 sq ft; lots of storage; 24 hour door-in. DOLORES THOM 763-1710, 834-2010

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Over 7000 sq ft. Close to new live-work development & Emeryville mall. Potential abounds! LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

BEST BUY IN OAKLAND \$52,900  
Perfect for career person, student, couple, etc. 1BR con-apt with light and airy balcony. Walk to transportation. Security gate for one car port. Call to see. Some upgrades. MARY MCNEILL 428-0900, 256-4233

LAND LAKE OFFICE SPACES  
Call for three rm. suite & 219 sq ft office for lease. 1000 sq ft including utilities & janitorial. CAROL BAILEY 834-2010

## BERKELEY / ALBANY

INVESTOR'S DELIGHT \$399,000  
1.5-3BR house, 4-2BR units & 2-1BR units. Laundry facilities. Lots of storage & a huge lot in W. Berkeley. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

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Just out a dream come true: 3BR, 2BA fixer located on quiet street. Bank owned, this is an opportunity that just comes up. Call for juicy details. WENDY BAKKENTA 644-5217

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Great idea: Get lowest price home in the neighborhood, your own special touches, enjoy living in your own home, and be happy! Great home for this price. WENDY BAKKENTA 524-2526

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## BERKELEY / ALBANY

ONE BLOCK TO CAMPUS! \$149,000  
From this move-in-condition 1BR condo w/1-car assigned parking. New berber wool rug & vinyl. Lots of storage. FRANCESCA DI PALMA 849-3711, 526-7055

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Canyon view lot in the lovely Claremont Heights neighborhood of custom rebuilt homes! Priced to sell! CAROL JERKABSON 527-3494, 849-3711

## WEST COUNTY

1329 ARLINGTON \$329,000  
Outstanding 3BR, 2.5BA near Rifle Range Rd & park. All on 1 level w/lovely garden. Open Sunday, March 10th, 2-5pm LORRAINE 845-0211

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Every inch of this re-done 3BR, 2BA contemporary is a pleasure to see. Highest quality materials used to create the stunning interior spaces. Call to ooh & aah. WENDY BAKKENTA 524-2526

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Beautifully remod kitchen! 3BR & fam/rec rm! Hrdwd flrs! Fireplace! Desirable Richmond View neighborhood! LORRI ARAZI 287-8858, 849-3711

BEAUTIFUL TOWNHOME \$140,000  
This 2+BR, 2BA, 2 story unit is beautifully detailed throughout. Ceramic tile floor in entry & kitchen, dramatic vaulted ceilings, loft w/view, lovely neutral decor. LYNN HAGEMAN 527-9800, 869-4471

PRISTINE CONDO \$109,000  
Charming, private upper unit 2BR, 2BA serene view, lots of storage, convenient location & seller is motivated to sell. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

COULD BE FABULOUS \$85,000  
Large 3BR house w/large in-law unit. Nice corner location. Needs some TLC. This house could be grand. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

RICHMOND FIXER HOUSE \$32,000  
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## LOTS FOR SALE

GREAT LOT WITH A VIEW \$400,000  
Bay view in an area of expensive homes. Driveway already in. Possibility for 2 houses! Between 1500-1522 Grandview. GAYNELL, 273,9890, 834-2010

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In desirable Rockridge location. Views of Mt. Tam from large lot with level building area. Survey & soils report available. LOIS KADOSH 849-3711, 287-9186

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420 HAMPTON ROAD \$922,500

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110 SEAVIEW AVENUE \$799,000

Classic colonial w/gracious formal living/dining, gourmet kitchen and breakfast area. Five bedrooms/ three and one-half baths w/office or au pair. SANDRA VOGL

64 BELLEVUE AVENUE \$769,000

A gorgeous traditional on a great central street. 4 bds up, library & level out garden. Elegant. J. O'SHAUGHNESSY

21 PARK WAY NEW PRICE \$699,000

Elegant 3-story traditional. 5+ sunny spacious bdrms. Formal living/dining and comfortable library. DONALD GRUBB JR

440 EL CERRITO AVENUE \$539,000

Mediterranean in pristine condition. 4 bdrms/2.5 baths upstairs, spacious formal ms. eat-in kit, level garden SUSAN VEIT

1125 WARFIELD AVENUE \$499,000

Pristine Craftsman with new kitchen, formal dining and big rumpus room. Four+ bedrooms/two baths. ED KUO

### OAKLAND

Open Sunday 2 - 4:30 p.m.

33 NORTH HILL COURT \$759,000

A stunning recently built hm by Barbara Armstrong. Exquisite entry stairway, designer kit, 4/3+ & office. A. GRUBB

5410 FERNHOFF ROAD \$699,000

Private setting, all-level. Four bedrooms/three and one-half baths. Gourmet kitchen, pool and sauna KURT BUCHHOLZ

5951 CHELTON DRIVE \$595,000

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2727 LAS AROMAS REDUCED \$529,000

Classic Trad. in Piedmont Pines, level garden w/Bay views. 4+3+, office & family rm. Renovated. SHEILA GALLAGHER

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Elegant townhouse with many extras. Incl. elevator, library, spacious level patio & garden. 3/2.5 BETTINA BALESTRIERI

1201 HOLMAN ROAD \$285,000

Charming English. 3+ bdrms/1 bath, hardwood floors & level garden. Spacious living room & formal dining. JOHN KARNAY

6638 SARONI DRIVE NEW EXCLUSIVE \$275,000

Close to Montclair Village. Three bedrooms, three baths, two decks & large yard. Formal dining room. Rec room with private deck. Bay views JUDY RANKANKAN

### BERKELEY

Open Sunday 2 - 4:30 p.m.

15 HILLCREST COURT NEW EXCLUSIVE \$749,500

Claremont traditional with a classic floor plan inclusive of a handsome library, a formal dining room and four sunny bedrooms. Original wood details. NANCY ROTHMAN

169 VICENTE ROAD REDUCED \$565,000

Claremont - New Country-English with Bay views. 4/2.5, sunny cook's kitchen, hardwood floors and granite countertops. Terraced garden and deck with creek. JOHN KARNAY

### PIEDMONT

By Appointment

A STUNNING ESTATE \$2,495,000

SF views. Terraces w/pool & spa. Five bedrooms/five and one-half baths. Separate guest quarters. ANIAN TUNNEY

JOHN HUDSON THOMAS DESIGN \$1,850,000

Gothic arched doorways, music room, formal dining & romantic master suite. 7+5.5. MARION SCHWARTZ

PIEDMONT ENGLISH \$1,295,000

Bay views, formal living/dining rooms. Paneled library w/frplc. 4/3.5 den & exercise room w/sauna. MARION SCHWARTZ

NEW EXCLUSIVE \$995,000

Spacious home with formal living & dining. Mstr ste. w/city views. 6/5.5, family room & solarium. MINDY SCOTT

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### OAKLAND

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GORGEOUS BAY VIEWS \$729,000

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TREE SETTING \$449,000

Charming Contemporary with high ceilings and lots of light. 3+ bedrooms, 2+ baths and family room. ELIZABETH DICKSON

STYLE AND SOPHISTICATION \$419,000

Remodel w/quality & style. 3+3, living rm & den w/frplc. 1/4 acre. Patios, deck, garden w/gazebo. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

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SOPHISTICATED PENTHOUSE \$349,000

Very elegant living with glorious SF views. Move right in. Spacious deck living included. 2/2. ANIAN TUNNEY

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PIEDMONT SIDE OF MONTCLAIR \$329,000

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IMMACULATE \$325,000

Filtered view. Close to shops, trans. & hiking trails. Living room w/frplc, separate dining & eat-in kit w/deck. 3/2.5. A. GRUBB

BEST OF ROCKRIDGE \$315,000

Spacious and level. Sunny and warm three bedroom w/ legal retail-in-law. Hardwood floors. Move in condition. Motivated. MARILYN WATSON

PRIVATE SETTING \$295,000

Light, bright Montclair home w/dramatic living room. 3+2 and sep. studio/office. Huge deck & forest views. JOHN KARNAY

STYLISH CRAFTSMAN \$289,000

Rockridge Traditional with original woodwork. Light, bright, updated kitchen & bath. Large garden. JUDY CAIN

ROCKRIDGE CHARM REDUCED \$289,000

4 bdrm/2 baths w/legal sep. unit below. Large rooms and hardwood floors. Gumwood and built-ins. JUDY RANKANKAN

TREE TOP LIVING \$249,000

Spacious Montclair home in quiet peaceful area. Sunny kitchen and cozy family room. 3 comfortable bdrms. SANDRA VOGL

### BERKELEY

By Appointment

CLAREMONT NEW EXCLUSIVE! \$1,100,000

Fabulous Claremont English. Spectacular view home. Highest quality & exquisite decor. Lovely gardens. Six bedrooms/four & one-half baths, family room & office. SUSANNE PAUL

FILTERED VIEW NEW EXCLUSIVE \$395,000

Charming brown shingle with private garden. Three bdrms/ three baths including two suites. Living rm w/beamed ceilings & fireplace. Hardwood floors. Tranquil. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

### ORINDA

By Appointment

A WONDERFUL HOME \$375,000

Totally renovated Brown Shingle Contemporary. Open, airy vaulted ceilings, French doors and wonderful vistas. Easy living. Three bedrooms/three baths sand family room. Close to Orinda Village and BART. NANCY ROTHMAN

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Billy Karp, Marjorie Sperber and Laurie Capitelli, from left to right, were chosen by the University of California to market "University Terrace," a 75-unit condominium/townhouse project in central Berkeley.

## Red Oak agents to market townhomes

Red Oak Realty, celebrating its twentieth anniversary, is beginning the new year with a bang! Red Oak Agents Laurie Capitelli, Billy Karp and Marjorie Sperber recently won the confidence and trust of five panelists from the University of California at Berkeley who selected them to market University Terrace, a new, 75-unit affordable condominium and townhouse complex in central Berkeley designated exclusively for university faculty and staff.

University Terrace includes units with two and three bedrooms. A small number of one-bedroom units are included. Nineteen units are in the renovated Presentation High School building; the remainder are newly constructed. Two-bedroom units average 1,000 to 1,200 square feet, most located on the ground floor. Three-bedroom units average 1,600 square feet; and are two-stories built above two-bedroom units.

Each unit comes ready for occupancy with carpeting, window coverings, appliances, and interior finishes with its own on-site parking space, separate on-site storage space, and private yard, patio or deck. Some three-bedroom units have fireplaces and most three-bedroom units have separate dining rooms.

The site is a one-square-block,

four-acre property in central Berkeley, bordered by California Street, Addison Street, Allston Way, and Jefferson Avenue, one block south of University Avenue, about seven blocks west of campus. The property includes the building and grounds of the former Presentation High School.

The property, located just few minutes' walking or bicycling distance from campus, two BART stations, AC Transit bus lines, Andronico's, the Berkeley Repertory Theater, downtown movies, and other shopping and entertainment, is surrounded by residential neighborhoods with single-family homes and small apartment buildings. University Terrace is next to St. Joseph's Church and elementary school.

Laurie Capitelli has been with Red Oak Realty since 1978. He has participated in the development, construction and marketing of eight condominium projects in Berkeley since 1981. His participation includes land acquisition, obtaining of entitlements, construction supervision, marketing, financing and sales. He has also participated in the development and rehabilitation of landmark and unreinforced masonry structures.

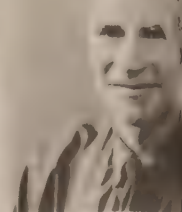
Billy Karp joined Red Oak in February of 1995. In his eight

years in the real estate business, more than 50 percent of his sales have been to university employees and to parents of students, who have opted for ownership as an alternative to renting or dormitories. His involvement includes: renovation, marketing and sales, budget, management and association fees, tenant-in-common agreements, CC&R's, and interfacing with the various City of Berkeley zoning, code compliance, inspections and rent board agencies.

Marjorie Sperber has been with Red Oak since 1982. She has worked extensively with Laurie Capitelli on several residential condominium developments, focusing on the development of governing documents, budget preparation, as well as marketing, financing and sales. She has broad familiarity with portfolio lenders specializing in condominium financing.

An on-site office will be opening in mid-March. Excellent financing is available with as little as three percent down with additional programs tailored for first-time home buyers.

Anyone interested in the homes at University Terrace, or have any questions regarding eligibility call Red Oak Realty at 527-3387.



## Local builders in symposium

Paul Winans, CR recently participated in *Remodeling Magazine's* "Selling the Difference" symposium, which brought together leading remodeling companies and key building product manufacturers. Professor Frank Mulhern of Western University led the symposium, focusing on the issue of marketing "quality" aspect of the remodeling companies. Remodelers were selected for their products with the goal of superior quality.

"These remodelers were selected because they are among the best in the business," said *Remodeling Magazine* editor Wendy Jordan. "This symposium will produce a list of the stubborn problems homeowners thinking alike are alike."



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NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



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Open Sunday 2:00 - 4:30pm. 3BR, 1BA split level, formal dining room, huge family kitchen, "Plus" room & bath with separate entrance, attached garage.

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD



**GARDEN PARADISE** \$181,000  
Custom home on double lot in a warm neighborhood with panoramic view, all spacious rooms, sunny updated kitchen, lots of cabinet & counter space. Garage & more. 2551 Fern St.

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Daring, dashing & different new top-quality 4+BR, 3BA. Nothing mundane here! Lavish use of granite, marble, copper & oak complement a private view site. D. C. HODGES 531-7667

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Open Sunday 2:00-4:30pm. Located on the sunnyside of Montclair 4BR, 3BA, 3 fireplaces, master suite w/sitting area, FDR, family room, decks, balconies & hot tub. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD

**EXCELLENT 6-UNIT INVESTMENT** .....\$385,000  
Low down, assume existing financing, good cash flow, well maintained, all two bedroom units, near Lake Merritt Bldg in good condition. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD

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Very pretty colonial w/georgian LR, FDR, remodeled kit, hrdwd flr. One of the most desirable 1,000 Oaks Neighborhood. Level sunny yard. Open Sun 2-4:30 587 Santa Clara. MARK ATTARHA 287-5674

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Level yard, beautifully landscaped! 4BR, 2BA, FDR, fam rm, game rm & rec rm. So spacious! Adjoining lot available @ \$100,000-level & views! HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

**WHEN SPRING COMES!** .....\$349,000  
... Blow you'll be comfy & cozy in this charming trad. w/G. & city view. Hrdwd flrs, remod kit, 3+BR, 2.5BA & rumpus rm. Park-like back yard w/pool. MARTHA SHIN 531-8643

**ENGLISH-STYLE, URBAN SETTING** .....\$325,000  
Charming English traditional 3BR, two new quality BA, country kitchen. Deep terraced yard. EQ retrofitted. Walk to shops & transportation. STEVEN BIASATTI 339-6160 X239

**SEPARATE HOME OFFICE INCLUDED** .....\$319,000  
Immaculate Rockridge bungalow featuring spacious living & dining rms, built-ins, hrdwd flrs, fireplace, sunny garden. Walk to shops, BART & school. M. J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

**WHY PAY RENT? COLLECT IT!** .....\$319,000  
Live in this traditional styled flat w/fireplace, hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen. Pay the mortgage w/ rent from the other flat & garden studio. LYNN MURRAY 339-8400

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Open Sunday 2:00-4:30pm. Level entry, 3BR, 1BA main level, au pair w/bath, 2nd kitchen downstairs, remodeled main kitchen, sunny breakfast room, attached garage w/winter access, formal dining room. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD

**CUSTOM HOME, CUSTOM VIEW TOO! 4YOU** .....\$304,500  
New listing! Panoramic view from major rms, over-sized, lite-filled rms, split-level design, RR w/fab FP and level-out to lanai w/city vu & BQ! A truly special home. RACHEL BALLER 530-3860

**RESTORED VICTORIAN** .....\$295,000  
Grand & gracious 4BR, 2BA, full basement, huge attic, 2-car garage, breakfast room, FRML DR, much remodeled, lots new. See this now! ELAINE JONES 547-5715

**MONTCLAIR SUNNY SECLUSION** .....\$289,000  
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- 1910 PERFECT STARTER. Two bedroom corner home in Berkeley. Yard, ..... \$210,000  
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- 1910 AMAZINGLY AFFORDABLE. 2BD starter on lovely street near Mormon Temple. .... \$159,000  
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- 1910 GREAT STARTER IN MAXWELL PARK! Charming 2BD with family room ..... \$129,900  
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- 1910 HOME PROPERTY. Duplex near Mills College. Two 2BD units, ..... \$119,000  
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The non-profit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page

St., Berkeley announces its 1996 schedule of classes. On Sat., March 9, BEC presents: **How To Get Your Permit Approved.** The two-part courses **Basic Home Repair and Improvement Skills and Finish Carpentry** will run Sat. March 9 and Sun. March 10. For information on BEC courses call 525-7610.

A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, is held every first and third Wed. of the month at 7 p.m., 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, get prequalified and receive a listing of homes for sale in your price range. The next seminar will be held March 21. Reservations required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554.

Truitt and White Lumber, 642 Hearst Ave., Berkeley will hold a free seminar Sat., March 9, 10 a.m. to noon. Greg Prinze of "Earthquake Safety" and Dave Lawson of "Simpson Strong Tie" will discuss **Understanding Residential Earthquake Techniques.** Get a good overview on current techniques used to stabilize

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It looks like maybe they're gone — dead!

I've just been looking at the spot in my living room next to the fireplace where I first saw the sandy-looking brown stuff that turned out to be termite tubes, and I can't see any new ones! I do hope they're gone.

When I first noticed the tubes, I didn't know what they were. I didn't think, "Oh no, termites." As long as I've been in this business, as many termite reports I've seen over the years referring to "termite tubes," I'd never seen any with my own eyes. I figured something was coming in, probably something alive, so I caulked the outside wall and vacuumed up

## A termite saga: from sandy brown tubes to 'good riddance'

the sandy stuff, hoping that was the end of it. But the next time I looked, it was back.

That's when I called John McDonald of Mitts Termite to arrange for an inspection. John arrived early one morning, looked at the spot next to the fireplace and said, "Termites. You've got subterranean termites."

John told me subterranean termites live underground. They come up for food but must often return, Dracula-like, to the earth for water. He began to look for the route from the earth to my wall.

There is a recreation room below the living room. The termites might be coming from under that room. There is also a concrete patio outside the living room which is built partly over the the downstairs room and partly poured on adjacent dirt, and this was another possible path.

Wherever they were traveling, it was under or behind finished surfaces. They'd have to open them up. John looked things over and suggested likely spots. He was particularly suspicious of the wall behind the furnace because, he

said, "they seem to like the warmth" and because "they seem to get into the hardest places to get to."

The wall was hard to get to. There is only a narrow space between the big furnace and the wall and the hot water heater is in the way. It was finally opened and was clean. Holes were made in other walls and they were searched with flashlights. The process gave me the creeps. I both wanted the quarry to be found and I didn't.

John thought that the termites were coming through the patio, walking from the dirt onto the framing and into the living room. He said we'd need to get chemicals into the dirt. That would stop them.

Ben Wald does spraying and such for Mitts. He arrived one morning, looked around and brought in his equipment. He drilled holes about a foot apart into the concrete patio and in the floors downstairs and put in his chemicals. Then he patched the holes and swept up super clean. A most satisfying experience.

But were they dead? I watched

the fireplace wall like a hawk. Termites were still building new tubes. After two weeks, I called John MacDonald again. "What does this mean, John? Why are they still there? What should we do?" I asked. John said we should wait another week or so. Maybe these are escapees, the last vestiges, or maybe we'll have to look at the possible entry points again.

Maybe they heard us talking because right after that they stopped. It's been five weeks now and they aren't building any more.

Not that this was really a life threatening matter. John says that there weren't that many termites in my house, and, generally speaking, they eat fairly slowly. My house wasn't going to fall down, at least not for quite sometime. But I hated having them in my house.

There are other things that John might have found in my house; things we frequently see on termite reports that wouldn't have upset me nearly as much as live termites in my living room. For example, fungus on wooden decks.

As I understand the rules, if a

wooden deck is attached to a house, a termite inspector must inspect it. If the wood is rotted, or is sitting on dirt, or has suffered damage from insects or fungus, then the inspector recommends that the damaged parts be repaired or replaced.

Whether I would follow the recommendations at my own house would depend on several things. How damaged is the wood? Is someone likely to put a foot through the deck? How high up is the deck? Is it hanging over a 30-foot drop or is it a few inches off the ground? How much money do I have to fix the deck? Do I plan to put something else where the deck is now? When?

Many people seem to believe that termite reports are required when there is a sale and that the work has to be done. This is not true. There is no law that says that anyone has to get a termite report, nor does anyone have to do the work.

However, most sellers have an inspection done when they sell their houses because buyers want to know what is wrong with any

house they might be buying. And it is almost true that the bid for termite report on the termite report selling price, but whether it is actually done will be buyer and seller preferences sometimes, on lender's terms.

I called Mitts because specific problem I wanted about, but I would have them periodically for attention anyway, just as gutters, roof, exterior, so forth, checked. Even owns a house, or is the buying one, needs to know what termite reports say what they do not. It is to us when we hear hear "It's a beautiful house, I want to buy it because it's rot" or "the foundation solid because it's not on the termite report." That the dry rot might be and worrisome, but it is. The foundation might be not; but we are unlikely this from the termite

See TERMITE

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The GRUBB Company, Angela Grubb 339-0400

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5981 GIRVIN DR, Piedmont Pines 4+3/3b, new/classy/quality "find" \$690,000  
Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667

1260 GRANDVIEW DR, Claremont Hts, 4+bd, office, nr swim/club \$675,000  
Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000

5951 CHELTON DR, Rustic, elegant, unbelievable kit/mstr ba, 3 frpl \$595,000  
The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400

1955 MANZANITA, Montclair, luxury 4bd contemporary w/view \$589,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, H. Converse 869-4212

14 CLIPPER HILL, Hiller Hghlnds 4bd/3ba view home, fml dining \$585,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hamner 339-1174

5914 BRUNS CT, Montclair 4+bd/3+ba, gourmet kit, fam rm, aupair \$569,000  
Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460

2727 LAS AROMAS, Montclair classic 4+bd/3+ba trad, office \$556,000  
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268 SHERIDAN RD, 5bd/4+ba new construction, amazing space \$549,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Sherri Oakley 428-0900

264 SHERIDAN RD, Rockridge 5bd/4+ba, grt space, flexible flrpln \$539,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Sherri Oakley 428-0900

6115 MARGARITO, Upr Rckrdge Medit, 4 1/2%, gourmet kit, Indscpd \$534,000  
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13506 CAMPUS DR, Ridgemont, 4bd/2+ba, like new, canyon views \$525,000  
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1854 GRANDVIEW, Hiller, brand new 3bd/3ba twmhse, SF view \$499,000  
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5850 PINWOOD, 4bd/2+ba on large lot, quiet neighborhood \$485,000  
Gallagher & Lindsey, Debbie 748-1806 SUNDAY 2-3:30

650 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker Hghlnds 4bd/2+ba, mble foyer, FDR \$480,000  
Mason-McDuffie 334-2010, Patsy Buhler 287-5910

5800 WESTOVER DR, Newer constr, Piedmont Pines 3+3/3, 3 frpl \$479,000  
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Wells & Bennett, David Hennigan 531-7000

5680 AMY, Upr Rckrdge, just listed, classic Spanish Med, 4/3 \$449,000  
Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174

9 BAY FOREST PL, 4bd/2+ba large new contemporary with views! \$439,000  
By Owner 415-681-5993 SUNDAY 1-4

5779 BALMORAL DR, Hillcrest Hghlnds, 5bd, 3+ba, fam rm, den \$439,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

5 SPYGLASS HILL, Hiller, elegant 3 1/2 twmhse, library, lv patio \$424,000  
The GRUBB Company, Bettina Baletstrief 339-0400

1909 OAKCREST, Upr Oakmore, 1st open 3bd/2+ba, charming! \$419,000  
Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8643

6840 THORNHILL, 3bd/2+ba new home, wooded canyon views \$385,000  
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174

1310 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair 4bd/3ba, 3 frpls, mstr suite, FDR \$385,000  
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-5010

1877 GRANDVIEW, Hiller, 3/3 elegant end unit, SF/GG views, patio \$379,950  
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

1131 HOLLYWOOD, Glenview 4+bd/2ba classic Tudor, updt kit/ba \$379,000  
Better Homes, Steven Biasatti 339-6160

1580 ELYSIAN FIELDS DR, Sequoyah 3bd/2+ba, new listing! FDR \$349,000  
Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-6400

6806 PASO ROBLES, Montclair 3+bd/2ba, new listing, updt ranch \$339,000  
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460

6650 MOORE DR, Montclair 4bd/3ba dramatic level-in, corner lot \$339,000  
Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460

6108 HARWOOD DR, Rockridge 3bd/1+bd, reduced! bright craftsman \$339,000  
Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460

1941 HOOVER AVE, Oakmore 3bd/2ba, updated, bay views, hwdw \$334,000  
Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460

6115 ROCKRIDGE BL So., Non-trad! 3bd/2ba, skylites, landscaped \$332,900  
Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 531-7000

6668 COLTON PLACE, 3+bd/2ba, architecturally designed kitchen, \$325,000  
private/quiet, park on Colton. Rose Black Real Estate 428-1606

25 MASONIC PLACE, Upr Rockridge gem/heart's delight 3bd/1ba \$319,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, V. Moran 869-4236

744 MCKINLEY AVE, Haddon Hill updt Spanish Med, 4/2, charm! \$319,000  
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174

558 CROFTON AVE, New listing! 3bd/2ba, updated, lg lv yard \$315,000  
Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460

2630 CAMINO LENADA, Pied Pines 4b/3b, good space/condition \$310,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Elisabeth Belle 644-5452

841 CALMAR, Crocker Hghlnds 3bd/2ba, lv entry, au pair w/kitchen \$310,000  
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-SOLD

1515 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker, dramatic restored 3+2 Normandy \$309,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Adrienne Nash 763-4060

849 SANTA RAY, Crocker 3bd/1+ba, good potential, must sell! \$309,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, E. Marshall 869-4218

6655 MOORE DR, Piedmont Pines 3bd/2ba, huge family rm, frplc \$299,500  
Better Homes, Ken Ferrell 814-9036

1427 BARROWS DR, Crocker Hghlnds 4bd/2ba, new listing! lv yd \$299,500  
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460

4338 TERRABELLA WAY, 1st open 3bd/2+ba w/fab bay view \$299,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Cindy Boze 869-4203

1519 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair "farm house", 2-story, sunrm, studio \$299,000  
Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174

73 TEMPLAR PL, Upr Rockridge 3bd/2ba new listing! cul-de-sac \$295,000  
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

4157 LAKESHORE, Crocker 3bd/1+ba traditional, 1st open, grt yard \$294,500  
Owner 832-7047

6627 GUNN DR, 3bd/2ba, affordable Montclair living, 2-car garage, \$289,000  
romantic woody setting, alfresco dining on deck! BMW R.E. 800-392-8115

1201 HOLMAN DR, Crocker Hghlnds charming 3+1, hwdws, garden \$285,000  
The GRUBB Company, John Karmay 339-0400

6995 PASO ROBLES DR, 4bd/2ba contemp, rec rm, newly painted \$285,000  
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey/Ollie Hamner 339-1174

20 MASONIC PLACE, Upr Rckrdge, nw on market! 2/2, den/office \$285,000  
Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson/Terry Kulka 339-1174

2625 ALIDA ST, Lincoln Hts 4bd/2ba, wonderful traditional, A-1! \$284,300  
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 339-8400

1995 WRENN, Oakmore, clean cute 3bd/2ba, view, Montclair schis \$279,500  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, L. Clarke 869-4210

1006 GALVIN ST Glenview 4bd/1+ba uniquely charming! walk shops \$279,000  
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

4045 LYMAN DR, Oakmore, bright, remodeled 3bd/1+ba traditional \$275,000  
Better Homes, Patricia Bennett 339-4000

6638 SARONI DR, Montclair nr village, 3bd/3ba, 2 decks, lg yard \$275,000  
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankin 339-0400

4761 DAVENPORT, 3/2 w/SF views! 2100 sq ft, cul-de-sac, lv yd \$269,000  
Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000

6951 BROADWAY TERRACE, Montclair, 1st open! 3/3 w/au pair \$269,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, B. Boze 869-4216

1857 MAGELLAN DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba, remodel kit, walk to village \$264,900  
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460

4025 BRIGHTON, Glenview 3bd/2ba, lg kitchen, rumpus, +rooms \$264,900  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Caroline Peters 547-1722

541 MANDANA, 3bd/1+ba \$259,000  
Coldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495

1960 MAGELLAN, Montclair, charming upgraded 2/1 nr Village \$255,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, C. Boze 869-4203

2111 TRAFALGAR, Montclair, 2bd/1ba, new price \$255,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, M. Grynblat 869-4226

368 CAVOUR ST, Rckrdge 2bd/1+ba extra beautiful crftsmn bungalow, \$254,900  
built-ins, oak floors, alarm. Agent 420-0657 SUNDAY 1-4

4653 BENEVIDES AVE, Glenview 3bd/1+ba, canyon vw, patio, yd \$249,000  
Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460

6066 CHELTON, Montclair cozy retreat, 2bd, updt kit, lv patio \$249,000  
Coldwell Banker, Del M. Orr 339-1174

3933 LYMAN DR, Oakmore 3bd/1+ba, hill view, hwdws, lg level yd \$249,000  
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 units, 2bd w/frpl up, 1bd down \$247,150  
Owner 834-8768 SUNDAY 11-5 & MONDAY 2-5 5% Down

19 EASTWOOD CT, Montclair 3bd/1ba, move in condition! lv lot \$246,500  
Better Homes, Earle Shenk 339-4000

250 SANTA CLARA, Colonial in mint condition! spacious 3/2, detail \$245,000  
Wells & Bennett, Jackie Carter 531-7000

2315 ARROWHEAD DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba contemp cosmetic fixer \$245,000  
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460

5 CLAREWOOD LN, Sunny 2+bd/2+ba twmhse, nds TLC, great buy \$244,900  
Coldwell Banker, Marilyn Bremser 339-1174

4014 WATERHOUSE, Oakmore, 1st open! 2bd/1ba sunny traditional \$239,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

4017 HARDING, Architectural gem/heart's delight 3bd/1ba \$239,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Heidi Tuggle 531-4554

485 PEDESTRIAN WAY, Rockridge 2bd/1ba sunny craftsman, yd \$239,000  
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

44 SPYGLASS, Hiller Highlands charming 2bd twmh, pvt end unit \$239,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hamner 339-1174

6907 SARONI DR, Montclair 2bd/2ba modified A-frame, MBR suite, \$239,000  
excellent condition, landscaped, fruit trees. Edward Bell Realty 339-4202

56 SERENO CIRCLE, Redwood Hts 2+bd/2+ba twmh, den, view \$239,000  
Better Homes, Elaine Jones 339-4000

45 MERRIEWOOD CIRCLE, Montclair 2bd/1ba hideaway in the hills \$239,000  
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 339-4000

531 VALLE VISTA, 4bd/2+ba craftsman, nds some work, grt value \$239,000  
Better Homes, Mike Sullivan 339-8400 SUNDAY 2-5

3924 ROBBY TER, Primo location, spacious 2+bd, 1ba, bsmt \$239,000  
Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennefer 531-7000

4042 WHITTE, Lincoln Hts 3bd/2ba split lv, country kit, +room \$239,000  
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-SOLD

6424 PINEHAVEN RD, Montclair 2bd/1ba, charming! wooded lot \$239,000  
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460

5007 WEBSTER, Temescal 2bd/1+ba, new listing! sunny, lg yard \$239,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dolores Thom 763-1710

708 SANTA RAY, 2bd/1ba, new listing, clean, updated! \$239,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

708 SANTA RAY, Crocker, remodeled 2+bd/1+ba trad! nice area \$239,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4203

1570 EXCELSIOR AVE, Glenview 2bd/1ba, just listed, perfection \$239,000  
Better Homes, Carolyn Phillips 339-4000

1431 E. 36TH ST, Glenview 2bd/1ba, dining & family rooms \$239,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Rose Jellison 655-4965

4100 MALCOLM, Chabot Park, nw listing, 2+bd/1+ba, walk to park \$239,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, K. Crandall 869-4214

441 RICH ST, Temescal, new listing, 2bd craftsman, frml dining, lg \$239,000  
kitchen & yard, built-in, oak frs, fireplace. Owner 654-0383

462 RICH ST, Temescal 2bd/1ba split level, charm, pvt garden \$239,000  
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

4645 PARK, Glenview, terrific buy! just reduced 2+bd/1+ba \$239,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, M. Wright 869-4251

2551 FERN ST, Maxwell Park 3bd/1+ba gardener's paradise, view \$239,000  
Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 339-4000

4032 LAUREL, 2bd/1ba English Tudor, charmer! \$239,000  
Better Homes 339-8400

3861 COOLIDGE, Charming Laurel 2bd/1ba bungalow, hwdws, frpl \$239,000  
Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 531-7000

2455 FRANCIS ST, Maxwell Pk 3bd w/bay view! hwdw, fruit trees \$239,000  
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 531-7000

3945 HARRISON #21, Rose Garden 2/2 condo in 12-unit bldg \$239,000  
Pacific Union, An Nichols 339-6460

3752 FRUITVALE, Walk to everything! cozy 2bd crftsmn, bsmt, deck \$239,000  
Coldwell Banker, Vicky Fialk 339-1174

6176 LAIRD, Remodeled 3bd/1+ba, termite clearance, move in! \$239,000  
Winters Realty, Ronda Bickley 769-1606 SUNDAY 2-4

3512 PIERSON, Maxwell Park 2bd/1ba, serene garden oasis! \$239,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202

4115 TERRACE, Piedmont Ave area fixer, charming 3+1 bungalow \$239,000  
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 339-4000

295 LENOX #202, Large luxurious condo! great area \$239,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Demetrius Wilson 869-3740

2430 POTTER, Maxwell Park 2+bd/1ba delightful Spanish Med \$239,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Mark Ross 482-2759

4027 REDDING ST, Laurel, nwly refurbished 3/1, 1300sf, frpl, FDR, \$239,000  
lg, kitchen, yard, det. garage. By Appointment Only 209-267-0948

3230 FLORIDA, 2bd/1ba w/pls room, good location, garage \$239,000  
By Owner 415-661-7735 SUNDAY 2-4

1076 65TH AVE, Absolutely adorable 2bd/1ba sunwashed bungalow \$239,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 SUNDAY 2-4

548 ALCATRAZ @ Telegraph, remodeled 2/1, lg backyd, great price! \$239,000  
Winters Realty, John Bickley 769-1606 S



## Free plumbing seminar

Ashby Lumber — Water Works — Bath and Kitchen Remodeling, 824 Ashby Ave., Berkeley presents a free home plumbing seminar Sat., March 10 from 10 a.m. to noon. Master Plumber Tucker

Seymour will host "How to Plan For and Select Proper Plumbing Fixtures."

Factory representatives will be on hand to answer questions.

Call 843-4832 for reservations.

## Termite...

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Like most people, know little about termite inspections, but have a need to know, you can find out. The place to start is with the inspector. Schedule an inspection and be there when the inspector comes. If the inspection has already been done, call the inspector who made the report and talk

to him (or her). You might want to arrange to meet in person, ask questions, get some perspective on what the inspector saw, what he thinks, as well as what is not covered by the inspection.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoiff are licensed agents and real estate consultants. To ask a question or to add your name to their mailing list, call Tarpoiff & Talbert, at 653-2050.

## Magnolia...

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and your cure was washed off the tree. With the next burst of warm weather the buds will begin to swell open, so time and weather is of

the essence. As soon as it is dry get out there and spray. Make sure to wear protective clothing and a mask. Here's hoping you beat the bud break.

Jan Hall is the owner of Plympton Gardens, a garden design company. She can be reached at 758-6946

## Area Home Sales

ALBANY	595 Andrews Way - \$141,500
1153 Garfield - \$175,000	4058 La Colina - \$120,000
1054 Kains Ave. - \$178,000	5116 La Honda - \$225,000
1010 Masonic - \$126,000	KENSINGTON
841 Santa Fe - \$241,500	124 Ardmore Rd. - \$254,000
809 Stannage - \$260,000	16 Camelot Ct. - \$388,500
BERKELEY	218 Columbia - \$283,000
2313 8th St. - \$207,000	OAKLAND
1521 Buena Ave. - \$254,500	616 Aileen St. - \$119,000
2816 California - \$149,000	1096 Amato Dr. - \$469,000
820 Colusa Ave. - \$255,000	3606 Ardley - \$162,500
1819 Curtis St. - \$172,000	416 Athol Ave. - \$130,000
37 Eucalyptus - \$780,000	5845 Ayala Ave. - \$275,000
2209 Eunice St. - \$189,000	6762 Banning Dr. - \$230,000
259 Gravatt Dr. - \$700,000	3344 Butters Dr. - \$328,000
731 Grizzly Peak - \$280,000	5607 Carberry - \$170,000
1376 Hearst Ave. - \$209,500	6942 Chambers - \$235,000
906 Jones St. - \$159,000	4907 Cochran - \$545,000
1527 Josephine - \$280,000	5800 Colton - \$288,000
2027 Los Angeles - \$325,000	3137 Coolidge - \$138,000
2334 Roosevelt - \$275,000	484 Crescent St. - \$171,000
1308 Russell St. - \$155,000	9919 Dante Ave. - \$123,500
2123 Stuart St. - \$195,000	814 E. 15 St. - \$135,500
5 Woodmont Ct. - \$524,000	1517 E. 33rd St. - \$135,000
EL CERRITO	9806 Elmar Ave. - \$105,000
1024 Arlington - \$625,000	4343 Evans Ave. - \$265,000
8425 Bel View Ct. - \$706,000	4048 Everett Ave. - \$156,000
950 Liberty St. - \$170,000	6517 Farallon - \$307,500
511 Norvell St. - \$149,000	988 Franklin - \$183,000
2117 Pinehurst - \$290,000	3918 Fruitvale - \$200,000
3419 Yosemite - \$250,000	5040 Golden Gate - \$305,000
EL SOBRANTE	7595 Hansom Dr. - \$269,500
821 Allview - \$175,000	8160 Hansom Dr. - \$294,500

39 Hemlock Ln. - \$332,500	TOTAL SALES: 6
734 Mandana Blvd. - \$210,500	LOWEST PRICE: \$149,000
686 Mariposa Ave. - \$309,500	HIGHEST PRICE: \$706,000
1936 Market St. - \$150,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$365,000
6087 Ocean View - \$295,000	EL SOBRANTE
5081 Parkridge - \$308,000	TOTAL SALES: 4
2255 Pelham Pl. - \$255,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000
4373 Rettig Ave. - \$195,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$225,000
308 Taurus Ave. - \$296,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$165,375
350 Taurus Ave. - \$285,000	KENSINGTON
5333 Thomas Ave. - \$277,500	TOTAL SALES: 3
2621 Truman Ave. - \$130,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$254,000
3875 Vale Ave. - \$165,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$388,500
1826 Vicksburg #1 - \$106,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$308,500
3534 Wilson Ave. - \$175,000	OAKLAND
PIEDMONT	TOTAL SALES: 40
132 Caperton Ave. - \$679,500	LOWEST PRICE: \$105,000
1058 Harvard Rd. - \$335,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$545,000
774 Kingston Ave. - \$685,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$230,750
239 Palm Dr. - \$310,000	PIEDMONT
333 San Carlos - \$345,000	TOTAL SALES: 5
SALES STATS BY CITY	LOWEST PRICE: \$310,000
ALBANY	HIGHEST PRICE: \$685,000
TOTAL SALES: 5	AVERAGE PRICE: \$470,900
LOWEST PRICE: \$126,000	This list was recorded for publication
HIGHEST PRICE: \$260,000	by Hills Newspapers by REM
AVERAGE PRICE: \$196,100	Reports, Inc. of Walnut Creek which
BERKELEY	obtains monthly records from the
TOTAL SALES: 17	county recorder's office. Neither com-
LOWEST PRICE: \$149,000	pany guarantees accuracy or com-
HIGHEST PRICE: \$780,000	pleteness of the information. Sales
AVERAGE PRICE: \$300,529	prices are estimated based upon ap-
EL CERRITO	plicable county transfer taxes.

# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

444 MERRITT AVE #202, What a deal! 1bd condo, nw paint/carpet \$59,000

Call 531-7000, Chris Christensen 531-7000

ALBANY Open Sunday

105 POLK, Charming 3+bd/2ba Cape Cod, grt mstr suite \$395,000

Call 527-7671 SUNDAY 2-4

107 KEY ROUTE, Nw listing 3bd/2ba, architect designed, MB suite \$285,000

Call 527-3387 X125 SUNDAY 2-4

103 HILLSIDE AVE, Albany 3bd/2 1/2ba \$245,000

Call 486-1495

107 DARTMOUTH, Spacious, stylish 2bd, fireplace, reduced! \$219,000

Call 486-1382

107 STANNAGE, 1+bd/1ba McGregor w/hdws, FDR, attic office \$185,000

Call 524-2526, Darin Tinsley 834-2010 SUNDAY 2-4:30

103 POLK, Great Albany Hill country style 2bd/1ba \$183,500

Call 527-3387 X182

107 TAYLOR, New listing! 2bd/1ba, light & airy, fireplace \$175,000

Call 527-3387 X109 SUNDAY 2-4

107 JOHNSON, 2bd/1b, 1 block So. of Solano off Pierce, exc. cond. \$174,500

Call 524-2526, Julianna 644-5221 SUNDAY 2-4:30

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

107 MILLER, Spectacular views! Mediterranean, 4+bd/3 1/2ba \$949,500

Call 841-6501 SUNDAY 2-4

107 GRAVATT DR, Berkeley Hills 3bd/3+ba, classic, courtlyd, views \$895,000

Call 339-6460

107 FOREST LANE, Classic 6bd/3 1/2ba contemporary, pool, bay view \$770,000

Call 527-3387 X111 SUNDAY 2-4

107 HILLCREST CT, Reduced! Claremont trad'l, library, FDR, 4bd \$749,500

Call 339-0400

107 STEPHENS WAY, Oak/Berk, sweeping pano vws! nw 5+bd/4ba \$749,000

Call 793-0551/541-6700

107 DEVON WAY, off Norfolk Rd, value! quality 5bd/3ba, views \$695,000

Call 652-2133 X133

107 LE ROY, Wonderful 5bd/4ba North Berk., nw cook's kitchen \$650,000

Call 527-3387 X185 SUNDAY 2-4

107 EL CAMINO REAL, Berkeley Uplands, 4bd/2+ba, luxury mstr \$599,000

Call 339-1174

107 VICENTE RD, New 4bd/2 1/2ba, view, cook's kit, garden w/creek \$565,000

Call 339-0400

107 CLAREMONT AV, Georgian colonial, 5+3+, hdws, must see \$545,000

Call 339-4000

107 GRIZZLY PEAK, 3-story custom bld, 4bd/3ba, over 3000 sf \$529,900

Call 232-0281

107 KEELER AVE, New listing! secluded 4+2 1/2 contemp, views \$529,000

Call 524-2133 X124

107 SPRUCE, 4bd/3ba \$525,000

Call 486-1495

107 CRESTON, Berkeley 3bd/3ba \$519,000

Call 486-1495

107 SAN DIEGO, \$25K price reduction! View! 4bd/4ba \$499,500

Call 524-7531 SUNDAY 2-4

626 GRIZZLY PEAK, 3+bd/2+ba colonial beauty! price reduced! \$349,000

Call 834-2010, Jacalyn Evons 273-9876

1228 SHATTUCK, 2+bd/2ba plus in-law \$339,900

Call 486-1495

569 THE ALAMEDA, 3bd Med nestled in park-like setting, bldt 1929 \$335,000

Call 652-2133 X134 SUNDAY 2-4

1304 BAY VIEW PLACE, 3bd/2ba \$329,500

Call 644-5426

2915 FLORENCE, 4bd/2ba brown shingle, huge yd, nr Elmwood shops \$319,000

Call 428-0900, Carolyn Jones 644-5426

151 FAIRLAWN DR, Price reduced! updated/secluded 3bd/1ba, gdn \$315,000

Call 652-2133 X138 SUNDAY 2-4

2063 LOS ANGELES, 2bd/1+ba elegant craftsman, walk to shops \$299,500

Call 339-6460

565 THE ALAMEDA, 2bd complete remodel with nice views!! \$299,500

Call 415-242-7000

577 SANTA BARBARA, 3 1/1 in No.Berk., deck, private garden, vw \$299,000

Call 841-6501 SUNDAY 2-4

2389 HILGARD, 3bd/2+ba \$279,000

Call 486-1495

1307 MCGEE, Beautiful 2+bd/1 1/2ba, grt nighbld, workshop \$245,000

Call 527-3387 X123 SUNDAY 2-4

1635 SCENIC #5, 2bd/1ba \$229,000

Call 486-1495

2245 PRINCE ST, Remodeled Victorian, walk Ashby BART/UC \$229,000

Call 531-7000

2644 ELLSWORTH, New listing! Victorian jewel, 2bd, remod kit/ba \$210,000

Call 339-6460 X346

1310 KAINS, 2bd/1+ba \$199,950

Call 486-1495

2006 ROSE, Berkeley 2+bd/1ba \$199,000

Call 486-1495

2806 GRANT, 2bd/1ba \$159,000

Call 486-1495

2029 CHANNING, 2bd city homes, new bldg, near UC/BART/shops \$159,000

Call 527-7964 SUNDAY 2-4

2733 1/2 FULTON, Spacious 2bd/1ba TIC, duplex, beautiful \$155,000

Call 527-3387 X125 SUNDAY 2-4

1412 8TH STREET, 2bd/1ba \$149,000

Call 486-1495

1504 CARLETON #B, Berkeley 1bd/1ba \$129,000

Call 486-1495

CASTRO VALLEY Open Sunday

4979 HENSON PLACE Spacious 4+bd/3+ba on 1/2 acre, pool \$499,950

Call 527-3387 X112 SUNDAY 1-4

4971 HENSON PLACE, Custom 4bd/3ba, 3000 sq ft on one level \$449,950

Call 527-3387 X112 SUNDAY 1-3

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

901 AVIS DR, E.C. Hills, remod 4/2, frpl, decks w/SF Bay views \$510,000

Call 232-0281 SUNDAY 2-4:30

708 COLUSA, Sunny 4bd/2+ba near Solano Ave & Fairmont \$299,000

Call 527-3387 X148 SUNDAY 2-4:30

508 BONNIE DRIVE, Havenside, 3bd/1 1/2ba charmer, grt bay view \$295,000

Call 232-0281 SUNDAY 2-4:30

7455 ROCKWAY, E.C. Foothills, 3bd/1 1/2ba spl RM, remod kit, lg yd \$249,000

Call 232-0281 SUNDAY 2-4:30

18 WILDWOOD PLACE, El Cerrito 3bd/2 1/2ba \$184,000

Call 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

2309 MONO AVE, 2bd/1ba English cottage, hdws, frpl, private yd \$172,500

Call 527-9111, Marilyn Rhodes 525-1852 SUNDAY 2-4

HERCULES Open Sunday

344 SCOTTS VALLEY, Hercules 3bd/2 1/2ba \$169,900

Call 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

KENSINGTON Open Sunday

280 LEXINGTON, Spacious 5bd/2+ba, decks, vw, quiet cul-de-sac \$449,000

Call 527-3387 X124 SUNDAY 1-4

169 ARLINGTON, Custom built 3bd/2 1/2ba, 8 yrs old, bay view, \$399,000

Call 526-4229 SUNDAY 2-4

263 AMHERST, Wonderful view, 2bd/2ba, grt yard, nr Youngs Mkt \$233,000

Call 527-7862 SUNDAY 2-4

272 AMHERST, 2bd/1ba, bay view, nr shops/transportation, "as is" \$199,000

Call 527-9111, Barbara Kaplan 273-9700 SUNDAY 2-4

## ORINDA Open Sunday

10 SLEEPY HOLLOW LN, 6bd/6ba new home on 3 acres, private \$2,500,000

Call 827-3949 SAT & SUN 10-4

## PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

11 SCENIC AVE, Exquisite detailing, M landscaped yd, library \$998,500

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Catherine Teegarden of RAF Mortgage presents a free seminar **How to Make Money Using the FHA 203k Rehab Loan**, Mon. March 18, 7 p.m. at 1722 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Buyers of fixer-upper properties use this loan to fund renovations. Investors, first-time buyers and owner occupants, churches and non-profits and Realtors are welcome to attend. Reservations are required. Call Teegarden at 528-0767 ext. 17.

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**Le Tip International**, an organization of independent business people devoted to exchanging business leads and helping other members, meets Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. Guests welcome. Call Lisa Schliff at 236-3002.

The Bay Area chapter of the **National Association of the Re-**

**modeling Industry**, holds its regular meeting on the 2nd Wed. of every month at 6 p.m. at Showplace Square, 2 Henry Adams Street in San Francisco. Call (415) 255-6463 for more information.

The **Friends of the Latin American Library** hold regular meetings at the Latin American Library, 1900 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland. Join in to support the library as it enters its 30th year of service. For more information call the library at 535-5620.

If you're interested in joining the **Phantom of the Opera** fan club or want to receive their newsletter, call Alison Trammell at 682-4793.

For inclusion in **Events**, send information to Dennis Evanovsky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047 Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

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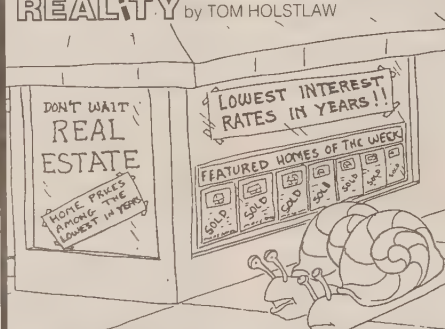
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3	2	Mr. and Mrs. Clean own this one. Ridgmont	Oakland	2771
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5914 BRUNS COURT, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/3+BA.....\$559,000 Reduced! Extra large lot, chef's kitchen, au pair, yard. Joan Daniel	1006 GALVIN STREET, GLENVIEW - 4BD/1+BA.....\$795,000 Uniquely charming, hwd flrs, 2,000+ sq. ft., walk to shops! D. C.
159 ST. JAMES DRIVE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/3BA.....\$505,000 Renovated interior, hwd flrs, family room, 2 decks. Sally Morrison	1857 MAGELLAN DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$895,000 Wonderful private setting, remod. kitchen, walk to Village! Tom Anton
13626 CAMPUS DRIVE, RIDGEMONT - 4BD/3BA.....\$469,000 Desirable floor plan, 3,000+ sq ft, gracious master suite. Robyn Mohr	4653 BENEVIDES AVENUE, GLENVIEW - 3BD/1+BA.....\$795,000 New listing! Canyon view, remodeled kit/bath, patio, yard. Lee Jacob
775 ALVARADO ROAD, BERKELEY - 4+BD/2BA.....\$459,000 Charming English Tudor, bay & hill views, den, garden. Donna Costella	3933 LYMAN ROAD, OAKMORE - 3BD/1+BA.....\$795,000 Well maintained, hill view, hwd flrs, large level yard! S. B.
1877 GRANDVIEW, HILLER HIGHLANDS - 3BD/3BA.....\$379,950 Elegant and unit, SF/GG views, custom finishes, patio. Teri Carlisle	2315 ARROWHEAD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$795,000 Contemporary cosmetic fixer, good space for the dollar! Kirk Phil
6240 AUBURN AVENUE, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/1BA.....\$339,000 Very charming traditional, beautiful gumwood. Helen Danhaki: 547-5750	485 PEDESTRIAN WAY, ROCKRIDGE - 2BD/1BA.....\$795,000 Sunny craftsman in heart of Rockridge, modern kit, yard. Ann
6108 HARWOOD DRIVE, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/1+BA.....\$339,000 Reduced! Bright craftsman in best location, yard. Brooks Anderson	6424 PINEHAVEN ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/1BA.....\$795,000 Charming! great condition, wooded lot, room to expand! K. P.
6650 MOORE DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$339,000 Dramatic level-in/contemp on corner lot, 2 master suites. Chuck Corwin	2259 ELLSWORTH STREET, BERKELEY - 2BD/1BA.....\$795,000 New listing! Victorian ewer, remodeled kitchen and bath. Ann
6806 PASO ROBLES, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/2BA.....\$339,000 New listing! Immaculate updated ranch, family/bonus room. Kirk Phillips	462 RICH STREET, TEMESCAL - 2BD/1BA.....\$795,000 Split level with lots of charm and lovely private garden. Sandi Klem
558 CROFTON AVENUE, OAKLAND - 3BD/2BA.....\$315,000 New listing! Piedmont schools! Updated, large level yard. Thomas Wurst	3945 HARRISON #21, ROSE GARDEN - 2BD/2BA.....\$795,000 Sophisticated condo in 12-unit building, smashing kitchen! Ann M
1427 BARROWS RD, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 4BD/2BA.....\$299,500 New listing! Stylish, updated kitchen & baths, level yard. Dee Knowland	3101 HERRIOTT, MAXWELL PARK - 2BD/1BA.....\$795,000 Cozy & cute, nice neighborhood, patio, attached garage! J. D.
73 TEMPLAR PLACE, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/2BA.....\$295,000 New listing! All level ranch, cul-de-sac, 1/4 acre, yard. Wendy Gardner	

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<b>CENTRAL PIEDMONT.....\$829,000</b> Beautiful original details with warmth and character. 4+BD/3BA, library, kit/fam rm, garden with hot tub, 2-car garage. Dick Cohen	<b>REMODELED TRADITIONAL - PIEDMONT.....\$649,000</b> Spacious 3BD/2+BA home in excellent condition. Large master with eating area, rumpus, level-out yard with deck. Frances
<b>JUST REDUCED! PIEDMONT.....\$769,900</b> Lovely light-filled home surrounded by beautiful English gardens. 5BD/3BA, au pair, play room, wonderful details. Sandi Klemmer	<b>CHARMING PIEDMONT STARTER.....\$729,000</b> Traditional with hwd flrs throughout, updated kitchen w/ granite house window, 2BD/1BA, formal dining, full bsmt. Ann Nichol

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<b>PRESTIGIOUS CLAREMONT PINES.....\$1,129,000</b> Gracious, elegant new custom home. 4BD/3+BA, fabulous kitchen, family rm, formal dining, pool/spa, 3-car gar. Dee Knowland	<b>ROCKRIDGE SPLIT LEVEL.....\$599,000</b> Just reduced! Walk to BART & College Ave. 3BD/2BA, kitchen, family room, rumpus opens to level yard. Francis
<b>UNOBSTRUCTED BAY VIEW.....\$735,000</b> Five room view from almost every room of this 2-year old custom home. 3BD/1+BA, large rec room, office. Helen Danhaki: 547-5750	<b>GRAND &amp; GLORIOUS FIXER.....\$399,000</b> This elegant mansion has potential galore! High ceilings, spa views, 5BD/2+BA, huge DR, French doors to balcony. Thomas
<b>TIMELESS CLASSIC - UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$725,000</b> Dramatic newly constructed home with SF views & stunning details. 5BD/3BA, chef's kit/fam rm opens to sunny courtyard. Patricia Scott	<b>GREAT OUTDOOR SPACES.....\$794,000</b> This shingled contemporary is situated on a huge lot with 2+BA, rumpus rm, trpl, 2-car garage & good storage. Dick Cohen
<b>GREAT SPACE, VIEW, LOCATION.....\$499,500</b> Spacious 3-year old contemporary on a quiet cul-de-sac. 4+BD/4+BA, open floor plan, elegant master suite, decks. Sandi Klemmer	<b>QUIET RETREAT.....\$650,000</b> Nestled in the trees yet convenient to shopping & trans. 3BD/2BA, frpl, dining area w/doors to patio, 2-car gar. Sandi Klem
<b>MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY.....\$495,000</b> Sophisticated, 4-year old home with elegance inside & out. 3BD/2+BA, curved staircase, large master suite with frpl. Ann Nichols	<b>CHARMING FERNWOOD COTTAGE.....\$749,000</b> This bright home is conveniently located to shopping, schools, trans. 2BD/1BA, lovely yard with trees and flowers. Joan Dan
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<b>DRAMATIC CONTEMPORARY.....\$424,000</b> Well built 3BD/2+BA home with family room, formal DR, beam ceilings, stone fireplace, huge garage. Helen Danhaki: 547-5750	<b>PERFECT STARTER BUNGALOW.....\$749,000</b> This clean, bright Laurel district home features 2BD/1BA, hwd flrs throughout, level yard and detached garage. Nancy
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<b>DRAMATIC TRADITIONAL.....\$389,000</b> Newer construction, 3BD/2+BA, family room with fireplace, luxurious mst ste, many artistic touches. Helen Danhaki: 547-5750	<b>LAKE VIEW CONDOMINIUM.....\$139,000</b> Bank will finance qualified buyer with 10% down! Move-in ready, frpl, great floor plan, fabulous views, 2 decks. Dick Cohen

### BERKELEY

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## Public Notices

Don, 3535 Brook Street, Suite 22, El Cerrito, CA 94549  
 Taylor, 3535 Brook Street, Suite 22, El Cerrito, CA 94549  
 This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
 The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 18, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 18, 1996.  
 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-513  
 The Name of the Business:  
 The Home of the Business:  
 3400 Richmond Plwy., El Cerrito, CA 94506  
 is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
 Richard P. 400 Richmond Parkway, #521, El Cerrito, CA 94506  
 Richard P. 400 Richmond Parkway, #521, El Cerrito, CA 94506  
 This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
 The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 29, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 29, 1996.  
 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-0347  
 The Name of the Business:  
 Biological Consulting, 5619 Santa Cruz Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Vincent Buescher, 5619 Santa Cruz Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 27, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 17, 1996.  
 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-0342  
 The Name of the Business:  
 Sange Trading, 532 Lexington Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 David R. Co, 532 Lexington Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 17, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 17, 1996.  
 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-551  
 The Name of the Business:  
 American Childhood, 1 Clairmont Place, Pittsburg, CA 94565  
 is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
 Arino Matsuo Ochoa, 1 Clairmont Pl., Pittsburg, CA 94565  
 Arino Matsuo Ochoa, 1 Clairmont Pl., Pittsburg, CA 94565  
 This business is conducted by individuals.  
 The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 25, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 25, 1996.  
 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-368  
 The Name of the Business:  
 San Benito's Fine Food, 904 Devonwood, Hercules, CA 94547  
 is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
 Jeanne Penetration, 904 Devonwood, Hercules, CA 94547  
 Jeanne Penetration, 904 Devonwood, Hercules, CA 94547  
 This business is conducted by individuals.  
 The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 18, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 17, 1996.  
 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-615  
 The Name of the Business:  
 Metro Realty And Investments, 105 Julie Ct., Danville, CA 94506  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Metro Realty And Investments, 105 Julie Ct., Danville, CA 94506  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 29, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 29, 1996.  
 The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-605  
 The Name of the Business:  
 GLOBE Town Entertainment, 322 So. 19th St., Richmond, CA 94806  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Chadler Brown, 322 So. 19th St., Richmond, CA 94806  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 14, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 14, 1996.  
 The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-604  
 The Name of the Business:  
 1112 Chiffon Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Larry James Rodriguez, 1112 Chiffon Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 22, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 22, 1996.  
 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

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 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 22, 1996.  
 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-734  
 The Name of the Business:  
 2 Rite International Supply, 2800-B Elgin Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Rite International Supply, 2800-B Elgin Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
 This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 29, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 29, 1996.  
 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-590  
 The Name of the Business:  
 The Home Repair Network 2, Home Improvement Plus, 1543 William Way, Concord, CA 94506  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Eric Barton, 1543 William Way, Concord, CA 94506  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 18, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 18, 1996.  
 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-830  
 The Name of the Business:  
 2 Rite International Supply, 2800-B Elgin Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Rite International Supply, 2800-B Elgin Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
 This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 29, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 29, 1996.  
 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

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 This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 29, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 29, 1996.  
 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

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L.C. Fuller, Jr., 1262 Greenway Drive, Richmond, CA 94803  
 This business is conducted by a Individuals-Husband and Wife  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 7, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 7, 1996.  
 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-336  
 The Name of the Business:  
 Rose Renterias, 223 Iris Rd., Hercules, CA 94547  
 is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
 Leonard P. Rose, 223 Iris Rd., Hercules, CA 94547  
 Belinda A. Rose, 223 Iris Rd., Hercules, CA 94547  
 This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 29, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 16, 1996.  
 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-664  
 The Name of the Business:  
 Nader Wholesale Co., 1372 N. Main St., Suite 204, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-1917  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Ahmad R. Mirza, 5333 Park Highlands #1, Concord, CA 94521  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 8, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 8, 1996.  
 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-576  
 The Name of the Business:  
 Personal Asset Services, 6624 Hagen Blvd., El Cerrito, CA 94530  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Jerrice M. Smith, 6624 Hagen Blvd., El Cerrito, CA 94530  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 26, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 26, 1996.  
 The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-497  
 The Name of the Business:  
 1) Will Meadows Designs 2) Will Meadows, 1080 Sanders Drive, Moraga, CA 94556-1917  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 William R. Lund, Jr., 1080 Sanders Drive, Moraga, CA 94556-1917  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 23, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 23, 1996.  
 The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-691  
 The Name of the Business:  
 The Self-Help Office, 348 South 37th St., Richmond, CA 94804-P.O. Box 2895, Richmond, CA 94802-2895  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Sheila C. Gibson, 348 South 37th St., Richmond, CA 94804  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 1, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 1, 1996.  
 The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-615  
 The Name of the Business:  
 Metro Realty And Investments, 105 Julie Ct., Danville, CA 94506  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Metro Realty And Investments, 105 Julie Ct., Danville, CA 94506  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
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 The Name of the Business:  
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 This business is conducted by an individual.  
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 This business is conducted by an individual.  
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 This business is conducted by an individual.  
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 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-734  
 The Name of the Business:  
 2 Rite International Supply, 2800-B Elgin Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Rite International Supply, 2800-B Elgin Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
 This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 29, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 29, 1996.  
 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-590  
 The Name of the Business:  
 The Home Repair Network 2, Home Improvement Plus, 1543 William Way, Concord, CA 94506  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Eric Barton, 1543 William Way, Concord, CA 94506  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 18, 1996.  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-830  
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 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
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 This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
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 This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 29, 1996.  
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 The Journal February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 1996.

## Public Notices

The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 1996  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 95-7254  
 The Name of the Business:  
 Diana's Nail Salon, 10556 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Viet Quang Huynh, 10556 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 23, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 11, 1995.  
 The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-472  
 The Name of the Business:  
 Contra Costa Reef Specialists, 43 Plymouth Court, San Ramon, CA 94583  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Martha A. Terry, 43 Plymouth Court, San Ramon, CA 94583  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 1, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 22, 1996.  
 The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-586  
 The Name of the Business:  
 Ledger Plus - Kevin Crewe, 2561 San Ramon Valley Blvd., #218, San Ramon, CA 94583  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Stephen Dowling, 1123 Liberty St., El Cerrito, CA 94530  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 26, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 26, 1996.  
 The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-902  
 The Name of the Business:  
 Murphy & Murphy Creative Images, 124 Stealy Ave., Hercules, CA 94547  
 is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
 James P. Murphy, 124 Stealy Ave., Hercules, CA 94547  
 Cynthia L. Murphy, 124 Stealy Ave., Hercules, CA 94547  
 This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 9, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 9, 1996.  
 The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-625  
 The Name of the Business:  
 A.B. Enterprises, 1955 Monument Blvd., #B #164, Concord, CA 94520  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Anthony T. Bolson, 2751 Monument Blvd., #B #164, Concord, CA 94520  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 22, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 22, 1996.  
 The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-731  
 The Name of the Business:  
 Certa ProPainters, 26 Pillion Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Donald Bruce Shirck, 26 Pillion Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 13, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 13, 1996.  
 The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-971  
 The Name of the Business:  
 Venders Enterprises, 3964 Majestic Dr., Concord, CA 94519  
 is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
 Patrick S. Lewis, 3964 Majestic Dr., Concord, CA 94519  
 Yvette P. Lewis, 3964 Majestic Dr., Concord, CA 94519  
 This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife  
 The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 13, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 13, 1996.  
 The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-714  
 The Name of the Business:  
 B & B Designs, 2991 Morgan Territory Road, Clayton, CA 94517  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Barbara M. Compton, 2991 Morgan Territory Road, Clayton, CA 94517  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 2, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 2, 1996.  
 The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-876  
 The Name of the Business:  
 Newell Sciences, 1320 Galaxy Way, Concord, CA 94520  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Cheryl W. Industries, Inc., 1320 Galaxy Way, Concord, CA 94520 (California)  
 This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 8, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 8, 1996.  
 The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 1996.

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**  
 File No. 94-2134  
 The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name YLENE'S CREATIVE CRAFTS, 1000 WYOMING ST., STE. 254, TWINVIEW DR., PLEASANT HILL, CA 94523  
 The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Contra Costa County on March 31, 1994 under File No. 94-2134.  
 This business was conducted by an individual.  
 Signed: Mary Wylene Tompkins.  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 8, 1996.  
 The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 21, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-1110  
 The Name of the Business:  
 On The Go Consulting, 1705 Manor Circle, P.O. Box 1515, El Cerrito, CA 94530  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Kendrick Go, 1705 Manor Circle, El Cerrito, CA 94530  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 21, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 21, 1996.  
 The Journal February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 21, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
 File No. 96-1144  
 The Name of the Business:  
 Vista Realty & Funding, 2617 Peter Place, Antioch, CA 94509  
 is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
 Vincent Gugliano, 2617 Peter Place, Antioch, CA 94509  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 21, 1996.  
 Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 21, 1996.  
 The Journal March 7, 14, 21, 28, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
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# Make no bones about it

By Mary Flaherty

Selling bones, it seems, is less hassle than selling snakes. Just ask Ron Cauble, proprietor of The Bone Room on Solano Avenue.

For 23 years, Cauble owned the East Bay Vivarium in Oakland, and later Emeryville, where he sold snakes, lizards, tortoises, toads, scorpions and tarantulas. Selling live animals involved high up-keep costs and countless laws governing animal sales, importation, and breeding, Cauble says.

Now, he does a thriving business dealing in the remnants of dead animals. From baubles such as the \$1 African porcupine quills to investments such as a \$1,000 hippo-

potamus skull, The Bone Room sells just about anything an animal leaves behind, be it a snake skin shed yesterday or cons-old dinosaur teeth. It also sells bone-inspired jewelry and ornaments.

A pair of rat skull earrings fetches \$55 and the \$100 cow skulls are popular with the store's interior decorator clientele, Cauble says. For more eclectic tastes, a warthog skull can be had for \$250.

"After 23 years of reptiles, I wanted to do something else," Cauble explains.

And his bone business has grown steadily while Cauble appears to enjoy tending shop and offering natural history lessons to shoppers. But, like reptile sales, the animal remnants business has

its own set of challenges.

Inspired by a now-closed bone store in San Francisco, Cauble added a bone room — hence the shop's name — to his reptile store in 1987. In 1993 he sold the East Bay Vivarium and moved The Bone Room to Solano Avenue, attracted by the pleasant neighborhood and pedestrian traffic.

Located between Peralta and Ordway streets, the shop is surrounded by other unique boutiques — a Native American crafts store, a teddy bear factory, a quilting shop — and it has prospered. Sales went up 30 percent in 1994 and 44 percent in 1995, the owner reports, adding that profits are back up to about the level of the East Bay Vivarium at its most successful.

But profitability is not Cauble's motivation.

"The reason I start businesses is that I enjoy learning about things," says the 56-year-old. A Ph.D. in chemistry, who proudly shares a birthday with Charles Darwin (Feb. 12), Cauble says he prefers to be a generalist and "dabble."

He still breeds snakes — in the back room — and sells 300 to 400 a year, he says. And he goes through about 4,000 crickets a week, he says, in food for his snakes and in sales to pet owners.

But the store's focus is on what animals leave behind. The display window features an ancient cave bear jaw and foot. Butterflies and feathers decorate the walls. Stacks of wooden drawers house beetles from around the globe. Skulls line up from small to large in a display case.

Except for the insects and butterflies, most of the remnants are byproducts, from animals found dead or killed for other purposes, like food, Cauble says. The store also sells casts of bones from endangered and extinct animals, including early humans.

Trinkets, such as the glass-domed scorpion paper weights, sell quickly, while the hefty hippopotamus skull has been around for more than a year, Cauble says, adding that the \$5 coyote bone pens were popular stocking stuffers this past holiday season. Indeed, Christmas — and not Halloween — is The Bone Room's busiest season, with 20 percent of annual sales done in December.

This year January sales were boosted when Cauble acted as



middleman in the sale of a \$7,000 shrunken head between an Arizona seller and an East Coast buyer.

The store does about 4 to 5 percent of its sales by mail order, says Cauble. He recently sent a mailer to about 7,000 customers and visitors. But he does less advertising every year, he says, relying instead on word of mouth, and curious walkers.

The store attracts a lot of science teachers, artists, and collectors, according to Cauble. He has given classroom presentations and hosted field trips. The human bones are popular gifts for graduating medical students, said Diana Mansfield, Cauble's only employee.

A woman born with no hands came in looking to buy a set of hand bones recently, said Mansfield. "She collects them," said Mansfield.

Ann Blair, an administrative assistant at the Institute of Human Origins, a non-profit human fossil research organization in Berkeley, said she refers people looking for casts of early humans to The Bone Room. "They have really good quality stuff."

Probably Cauble's favorite customers are the children. "Kids are always the bravest," he says he doesn't like to see parents bring their kids in and teach them — unconsciously — to be afraid of things. But not all do. Last week a mother calmly shopped for a pet snake with her son. The week before an elderly man browsing for an hour was as excited as his grandson over the store's treasures.

Keeping up with that supply of treasures is a challenge, says Cauble. He deals with about 50 vendors. A giraffe skull and assorted horns come from African game parks, colorful beetles from Southeast Asia, and bone carvings from China.

Not all the wares come from exotic locales, however. When Cauble visits his parents in Indiana, he collects moths, butterflies and beetles that sell for \$2 to \$10.

tried to stock up on domestic sources, such as bones from retired dogs, Cauble says, he's out of femurs, and doesn't expect more.

The Bone Room advertises specimens in flea market magazines. One afternoon a silver-haired gentleman came to the store with a partial human jaw for \$300 to \$400. The jaw was missing the crown had been off.

"He was a middle-aged," says, examining the jaw. But no thanks, he doesn't think he'll sell an income. He said 20 human skulls for \$300 to \$400.

That same afternoon another offered some keys — the keys were ivory. Cauble pleased.

Dealing with complex sales Cauble says ivory is legal to sell, but import. Although there are laws governing remnants of animals, there are still a lot of Cauble. For example, a bear can't be sold under the Endangered Species Act. Whale or seal found on the beach can't be sold under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Road kill can't be sold.

Despite the challenges, Cauble clearly believes a market for animal remnants. He's open another store in San Francisco this year. And if it's successful, he said "there's room for a couple more in the Bay Area."



Michael Alden of Berkeley helps Bone Room owner Ron Cauble demonstrate his wares.

## Cohn

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mass" in center field with shadows (I'm not kidding). The shadows will soften the concrete bunker look.

Which brings us to the issue of scheduling. Like, can they get the job done in time? Don Webb, the project manager, says not to worry. His crew is working 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and if things get tight, he will bring in a cast of thousands, like the Egyptians building the pyramids. Webb has earned some credibility because he renovated the L.A. Coliseum in a timely fashion after the

Northridge earthquake.

"I'm confident enough that I had to factor in the contractors' bonuses for finishing early," he said. "I have no contingency plan for being late. None."

Webb may have no contingency plan, but the A's certainly do. "It's only prudent on our part to do so," Alvarez said. When it came to the details of the contingency plan, Alvarez wasn't talking. "We'd have to play someplace else other than Oakland," he said, which wasn't exactly a bulletin. "Where, Ed?" He shrugged.

OK, so let's give these people the benefit of the doubt. The Coliseum probably will be ready on time, but that doesn't mean "ready" in the regular sense.

Sure, the giant mudhole will be gone and there will be grass and bases and foul lines and concession stands, but building will continue on that concrete blob in centerfield well into August.

For much of the season, the Coliseum will be part ballpark, part construction zone, and that's either exciting or annoying, depending on your point of view.

## Drese

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He won a silver medal as a member of the Junior National team after his senior year at O'Dowd. As a 19-year-old, Drese spent his summer after his freshman year pitching for the United States National Team, as well as participating in the International Games in Canada.

His record as a Team USA participant speaks volumes for his pitching talent: 5-1, 2.15 ERA. And his performance against Cuba — 8.0 innings, four hits, one walk, 10 strikeouts, and

one very impressive win — says all that needs to be said about his heart.

"It's an environment you can't help improving in," Drese said of his exposure to national competition. "Playing with such great talent brings out the best in you."

The next step is the Olympics. Drese is just one of 15 players who have already been invited to try out for the '96 Summer Olympics. The pool will balloon to 40 by the time tryouts start May 29.

"I didn't really think about the

Olympics while I was in high school. But since the junior Olympics, it's been a goal of mine," Drese said. "My biggest goal, though, is to play in the major leagues."

If Cal plans on winning a national title in baseball, it best do it quickly. Drese will be eligible for the draft again at the end of his junior year.

"Leaving school would depend on a lot of things, including where I was drafted," Drese said. "But I want to play professionally. I could complete my education later."

County Aquatics-Polar Bears for years. Souza looks forward to an exciting season due to the fact that EC will be yielding the largest swim team in the school's history.

The last fund raiser of the year, the annual Gaucho Aqua-Thon, to pay for pool rent will probably be in March. The team welcomes any financial help the community can provide.

If you can help, call the school at 525-0234.

## Boys

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Dragons nailed five of six free-throws in the final 42 seconds, including their last four in a row.

"We had one open look at a shot and it didn't go and one bad pass, but in a close game like that you can point to a lot of things that could have made a difference," Palley said.

One of those things was a failure to capitalize on transition opportunities. The Berkeley press was effective, but it didn't always result in points.

Even a pre-game pep talk from former Jacket William Brew wasn't enough for Berkeley's current incar-

nation to make it over the top. Palley had Brew, a member of the 1979 Berkeley team that won a league championship, come into the locker room to give the team some advice.

"The players responded well," Palley said. "He talked about giving their all and playing together."

Rashidi Barnes led the Jackets with 21 points. "Rashidi is the MVP of this team. He had game consistency and he provided leadership," Palley said.

Dilone Richard joined Barnes in double figures for Berkeley. O'Dowd was led by Scott Darmstadt's 16 points.

Berkeley's final record was 18-10. With the success of his first season

less than a week behind him already looking forward to next season. "We finished by winning games. I'm proud that we won, but on the other hand, I never were the team we could be. We have a good nucleus coming," Palley said.

Rickey Myers, Paul Thomas Pugh and D'Marcus Thomas form the core of the team that will be four of its top players. Barnes, Williams and point-guard Larry Williams will be good next year, depends on how hard they work off season. We have the makings of a good team," Palley said.

## Rolling in Dough at Semifreddi's

I left Semifreddi's in a very good mood. It was difficult not to. After talking with co-owners Tom Frainer (very high energy) and his brother-in-law Mike Rose, I learned that this company does much more than just bake exceptional bread.

Semifreddi's opened in 1984 in Kensington. Growth has been so phenomenal that in addition to providing baked goods to almost 200 locations in the Bay Area, Semifreddi's recently opened a second retail store in Berkeley.

A family venture, Barbara and Mike Rose started the business in 1987 with just four products: Barbara's brother, Tom, joined the two in 1988. All three are graduates of UC Berkeley and have extensive food and business experience. Barbara is also a graduate of Contra Costa College Culinary Arts Program and Tom earned his MBA in 1981.

Mike, considered the "mad scientist" of the group, is responsible for greatly expanding the product line

Among his other duties is the enviable job of bread taster.

What makes this business unique among other companies providing similar products is not just the freshness, taste and consistently high quality of its breads, but how the owners of Semifreddi's view their company, their employees and their relationship to the community. Semifreddi's operates on the premise that fair and considerate treatment of workers and making a profit are not mutually exclusive ideas. Extremely socially conscious, Semifreddi's regularly contributes its products to such organizations as Project Open Hand, which feeds terminally ill AIDS patients, the homeless and other charitable organizations helping those in need.

Semifreddi's baguettes, cinnamon challahs and sweet and sour batards, to name just a few of their many products, are truly delicious. Breads are delivered fresh daily and stay on the shelf no more than one day.

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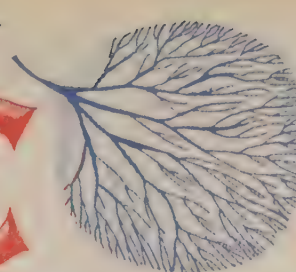
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treating employees with respect, providing customers with the best product and always giving back to the community have been operating principles by which Semifreddi's operates. Since taste is the decision maker, their extreme success is well deserved.

Semifreddi's Original Bakery Retail Outlet is located at 1000 Ave., Kensington, (510) 435-3084. The new retail outlet is 3084 Claremont, Berkeley, 94702.



Fairyland



# MAGIC LEAF

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Children's Fairyland is a magical fantasy world for young children, located on the shores of Lake Merritt in Oakland

## Star Light \* Star Bright, I Wish I May, I Wish I Might, Make a Wish For Fairyland!

Everyone loves wishing on that star they see. Hoping that your wish will be fulfilled lets you sleep a little more peacefully. And a wish might be large or small. The best part is that wishes really do come true!

This was the case in 1950 when Arthur Navelet, William Mott, and the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club made a wish for the children of Oakland. As if by magic, Children's Fairyland came alive on the mystical shores of Lake Merritt.

And the community is still making wishes that make Fairyland grow and bloom. In July of 1994, the Oakland City Council agreed to have Children's Fairyland U.S.A. become Children's Fairyland Inc., a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Since that time, community involvement in Oakland's landmark children's park has increased ten-fold.

Under new leadership the park is being revitalized through the generous donations of interested organizations and our loyal park patrons. But as we all know, the cost of expansion and repair is very high in our modern economic system. Not wishing to set the gate price for the park, a modest \$2.50 for children, \$3 for adults, a group of "Fairyland Friends" came together and made a wish.

Enter our "Star Light \* Star Bright" campaign. Organized by volunteers Sandra DeFeo and Sue, the idea behind StarLight Star Bright was to reestablish a relationship with the community and allow them to join in on our lift that is now in progress. Volunteers were sent out asking for donations that would then be used to make many of our Fairyland's more exciting and interesting for today's children. We were gratified that many

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families responded to our plea for financial support, and mailed in a donation", says Sandra DeFeo. "To be successful, we believe the community must support Fairyland. The response to our Star Light, Star Bright mailing was the first step in what we hope will be a growing involvement on the part of the community."

Of course Fairyland realizes that not everyone is in the position to support the park with a check. But, we love to hear from you. We ask that you contact us so we can put you on our new mailing list. You will receive copies of *The Magic Leaf*, as well as updates as to what is happening in the park. At the end of this article, you will find a donation request that you can mail in so you, too can give to our fund, or just join our mailing list. Donations to the park have ranged from thousands of dollars, to one child whose piggy bank gave its last quarter to help repair a favorite attraction.

"I'm very excited about the plans for Fairyland," says DeFeo. "As I've talked to people in the community, they become excited too. It's going to take a little time, and a lot of effort and commitment from volunteers, true-blue old friends like the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club, as well as new Friends of Fairyland, but I believe we can restore Fairyland into a bright shining jewel that Oakland can be proud of!"

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The children of Fairyland give their support in helping to restore "Robinson Crusoe Island" into a new playground paradise. (From left to right) Marissa Rowland, Adrian Lamos, Elycia Thomas, and Amy Royce.

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## Schedule of Events March through June 1996:

Fairyland is currently on its WINTER Schedule  
Open Friday through Sunday  
10: a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
(weather permitting)

March: "Play It Safe Month"  
16th: Guide Dog Day

Once a year, the chapters of the 4-H organization who specialize in raising guide dogs for the blind, meet to put the future dog candidates to the test. Visit Fairyland and find out how puppies are raised and trained for this very important job. Training and lectures are ongoing throughout the day.

17th: 4-H Day in Fairyland

The 4-H organization will be presenting lessons for the children on subjects such as "earthquake safety" or "Chemicals R Us", to all interested youngsters. Join 4-H and Fairyland as they unite to educate small ones about the world around us. Programs are throughout the day.

23rd: Public Safety Day

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# A visit to Fairyland... (or what I saw through the shoe)



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Since Fairyland opened in 1950, many families have entered through its "Old Woman In The Shoe" entrance and walked its fabled paths. However, being one of Oakland's best hidden treasures, we do get people who have never heard of us inquiring: "what's inside Fairyland?" In answer to that question, we would like to take you on a descriptive tour of our park.

Fairyland is, in the words of Shakespeare, "such stuff as dreams are made on."

When you come to the Old Woman's Shoe, you encounter a unique entrance way. Since it was built for the little ones, the way into our park is by bending over and passing through the archway of the Old Woman's Shoe. Children of all ages and sizes enter this way.

Our storybook countryside consists of small houses and sets depicting scenes from classic stories, fables, folklore, and nursery rhymes. There are over 32 different sets in this nurseryland. Being the first theme park of its kind for small children, we encourage the young to travel through Alice's rabbit hole tunnel (reading passages from the book as they go), visit Pinocchio's castle, or take command of Captain Hook's pirate ship and sail away into adventure! Imagination is the only key in Fairyland that will open your dreams.

Along the way, Storybook Music Boxes can be listened to by inserting the Fairyland Magic Key into the blue storybook. Children's voices reenact the stories, adding to the enjoyment of the day. And sitting alongside most of these singing storybooks, you can find three dimensional castings of your favorite literary characters.

Waiting to be discovered are the Mad Hatter, Miss Muffet, Peter Rabbit's friends and many Elves, and small figurines. Areas



Resident Artist, Marilynn O'Hare and her assistant Adrian teach a craft to Christopher Cottom. They are making dream shakers.

of our park are often dedicated to themed surroundings. Some of these themed areas are from nursery rhymes, popular bedtime tales, ethnic folklore and fables, classic literature, and our soon-to-be "Yankee Doodle Junction" featuring tales from America.

The small rides, waiting around the bends of the paths, are designed for the very young. Children can take a spin on Alice's Wonder-Go-Round, soar into the tree tops in Anansi's Magic Web Ferris Wheel, sail on the Toyland Bumper Boats, or board our friendly Jolly Trolley Train.

And if you're hungry, Johnny Applesseed's Food Stand has just the thing for you. Featuring popular fare for the young ones, it also caters to families or groups that wish to have special box lunches prepared for their outing. Call Fairyland in advance for information on Johnny's box lunch catering. And, for those who wish to bring their own packed lunches, The Teddy Bear Picnic Area or The Japanese Storybook Mural Tea Garden holds plenty of shade for family outings.

But, you ask, what else is there to do? If you like puppets, Fairyland presents puppet shows at 11

a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. - we're open. Our puppet presents seven different year by Master Puppeteer considered one of the puppet playhouses in the States! And if live acting to your style, the Emerald Stage is home to The Fairy Personalities. These children between the ages of 8 and out playlets featuring stage heroes and villains every end at 12:30 p.m. and Fairyland is also home to tellers, jugglers and magicians. On special event days (see the date located in the paper) spellbinding entertainment and share their talents.

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# What is your favorite animal in Fairyland and why?

Asked of visiting children in the park

Mekaela Clark, age 3, of Berkeley:

I like the bunnies. They have nice houses.



Dianne Ma, age 8, of Oakland:

All of them. I want to be a Veterinarian and I like animals.

Derek Braden, age 3, from California in Oakland:

A horse, because I'd like to take care of them.



Eva Hansen, age 6, of Oakland:

The horse! Since horses are pretty!

Shay M. and Tal nabi, ages 8 & 5, of Israel:

Shay: The parrots, because they are colorful and they have so many variations of size and shape. Tal: The rabbit, because she takes such cute sounds and movements with her nose.



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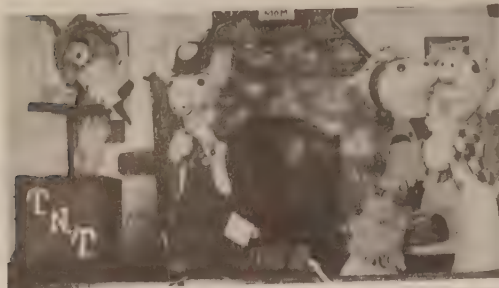


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A rare photo from the family scrapbook of the wolf trying to break into my great grandfather's house with the use of T.N.T.

## Editorial: 'The Importance of Being Safe'

The following is a rebuttal to the letter from The Big Bad Wolf Esq. entitled: "On The Abuse Of Wolves In Storybook Literature" printed in the May, June, July 1995 issue of The Magic Leaf.

By James Worthington Pig III

Dear Editor,  
I noticed in Issue #4 of The Magic Leaf, the sad comments by Mr. Big Bad Wolf on the abuse of wolves. His comments do not quite have truth to them. In fact, my colleagues use the term "hogwash" to describe his accusations.

Since the month of March, this year in Fairyland has been named, "Play It Safe" month, I feel the need to

explain why safety is important.

My family has a long history of "run-ins" with the Wolf clan. For as long as I can remember, tales of the antics of the Wolf brethren have been used to teach caution to young piglets. Even a simple trip to the county fair, when not attended by many of our family, can lead to a pig's downfall. Being the trusting animals we are, we tend to believe the twisted promises of goodies, that wolves often use to lure young piggies to a dangerous trap.

These same hoodlum wolves have even gone so far as to knock on our house doors and threaten us with curses amounting to a lot of "hot air."

But times have change! Thanks to such wonderful Fairyland events as "Public Safety Day" (March 23) and "Animal Safety Day" (March 24), families now have learned ways to avoid the evil wolf and his tricks. With a little knowledge, everyone can feel safe on our forest paths.

Some handy hints to pass on to such things as having a secret word for strangers who attempt to steer you down a different path with such words like: "Your Mother is waiting for me" — she sent me! Some successful words that my brothers find useful have been: "Chinney-chinney" or "blowhard", or asking for the name of family friends such as "Little Bear".

Safety at home is also of utmost importance to my large family. In the years, we have learned to build houses of strong materials that are able to stand up to natural disasters, wolves' breath! Three very important safety lessons we pass down from generation to generation are:

- Never open the door to strangers
- Always have an escape plan from your house in case of danger.
- If the house (or object) you are standing on falls down, always duck under a table or doorway.

These are very safe ideas we teach also at Fairyland. But, even with these precautions, above all else, never trust the Wolf.

The story is told of my great grandfather, who in the late 1920s, and how he built his house of brick and saved his brothers, Oliver and Oliver. His brothers had been built their houses of straw and wood. (Ecologically sound, but not very practical.) After the brothers had been taken from the rubble of their homes, took shelter in my grandfather's house, the Wolf attempted to blow it down. He was unable to blow it down. He attempted to use explosives to enter. The bottom line: the wolf thwarted and unable to bully my ancestors. This story of bravery is our annual family gathering.

In conclusion, I want to say everyone should practice safety. Never believe the fanciful stories to you by wolves! And kids — more piece of advice: If wolves ever use dynamite to try to get your household, never handle the devices! Always call a professional. A mistake with an explosive is SPAM! It's all over.

Editor's Note: If you would like the story of Mr. Worthington's great grandfather and the wolf, the Fairyland theater will be presenting it this year under the title of "The Three Pigs 1920s."

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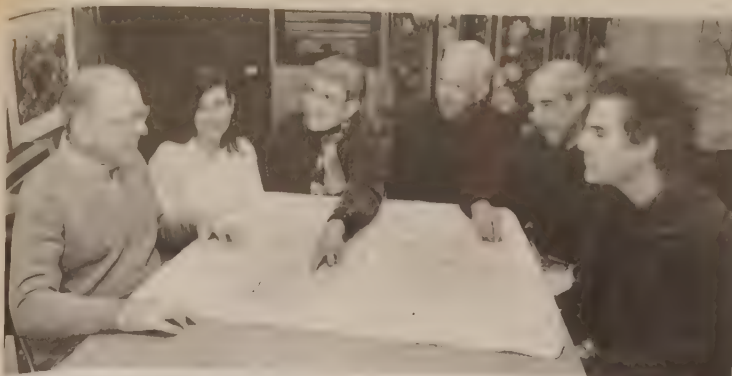
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Members of the Stanford Alumni Consulting Team (A.C.T.) consult future plans for Fairyland. (left to right) Chuck White, Barbara Loeb, Fairyland Director Nancy Stark, Rudy Reich, Hank Weiner and Jim Mansuetto.

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## A letter from the Executive Director: 'A behind the scenes look'

**Bulletin:** Stanford Alumni Consulting Team (ACT) brings their expertise to Fairyland!

Though Fairyland is a fantasy and make-believe world for young children, there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes. We are also a business with all the challenges every organization faces. Planning, organizing, marketing, budgeting, exhibit design, service to customers. All are necessary for Fairyland to be successful.

Last Spring, as the new General Manager, I recognized that there were many organizational needs and not enough resources. Glenn Voyles, member of the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club and

Stanford MBA graduate, suggested I write a proposal to ACT. This group of alumni offers support and shares expert knowledge with a select number of non-profits. Their purpose is: "To provide nonprofit ... organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area with free management consulting on specific needs or projects." "What an opportunity," I thought. And so I acted on it.

A proposal was written, focusing on our need for a marketing strategy. We were accepted! ACT's involvement is giving us a giant step forward in our business development. Last October, ACT's team of six arrived at Fairyland.

Under the leadership of Rudy Reich, the team reviewed all of Fairyland's current activities including fund raising efforts, marketing plans, attendance records, financial reports and overall operations.

Exit Interviews of park visitors are now being conducted and will be continued periodically throughout the year.

What will the outcome be? ACT's project objectives are to "Develop a Marketing Strategy for 1996" and to "Recommend a framework for a Strategic Plan focusing on long term improvements in the Park." It will be our

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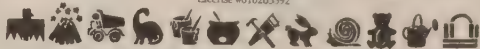
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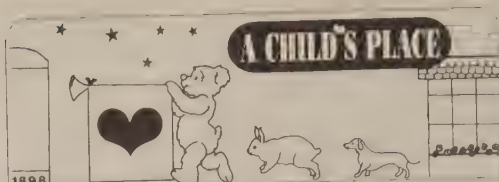
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Marilynn's two youngest, the twins Kelly and Kacey, spent many years helping their mom at Fairyland. They started as Fairyland Personalities, the "Li'l Artists", and worked on the staff all through high school and art school. Kelly even met her future husband while working at Fairyland.

While Kacey is an artist out of the area, her sister Kelly still lives in Oakland. Over the years she has done all sorts of wonderful graphic designs for the park. In the 1980s she redesigned the Fairyland logo that you see on the staff shirts and letterhead. She has done illustrations for the maps and various Fairyland events, like the Jack O'Lantern Jamboree. She recently designed the logo and letterhead for Fairyland's ongoing fund-raiser, "Star Light, Star Bright."

But her newest Fairyland project is the design for the new park T-shirt.

"Fairyland may be a timeless place of wonder, but styles and designs are always changing," Kelly says. "Using the Fairyland shoe as a base, I drew several different designs using different modern color groups" informs Kelly. "Then, with Executive Director Nancy Stark, we picked the most exciting design."

"Using a computer, I set the colors for the drawing and background, and put the type in. I then worked with the T-Shirt company, Made To Impress of Emeryville, to turn the computer drawing into a form they could use to print on the shirts".

The new Fairyland T-shirts are available in our Duchess House Gift Shop, located next to the Puppet Theater. They're a great gift for every child. And, when you buy one of these cool new shirts, all the

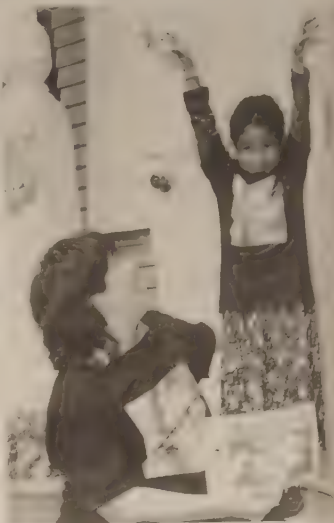


Photo: Mike Stark  
Kelly (O'Hare) Jonick checks her art work on the T-Shirt that 5 year old Tali Newkirk of Marlin is wearing.

profits go to maintaining and improving the park. This way, Fairyland will be around for generations to come.

And speaking of generations, Kelly and her husband Tony are expecting this month the new generation Fairyland Artist. You can expect three of them will be around the park for many years to come. And you can bet they will all be wearing their Fairyland T-shirts.

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cited youngsters.

And for those that like "hands-on" activities, Marilynn O'Hare - Fairyland's Resident Artist, holds special art contests or craft sessions for the kids on weekends. Marilynn and her volunteer helpers can be found at the Fairyland

Art Gallery, in the center of the park, between the hours of noon and 3 p.m. on Saturdays and special days.

You say I forgot something?

Oh yes! The animals. In Fairyland, you can meet the Billy Goats Gruff, Mary's little lamb, Pinocchio's donkey friends, and even a small alpaca. Plus, there are rabbits, guinea pigs, mice and other friendly, furry members of

our Fairyland family. By Wednesday and Sunday, between the hours of noon and 3 p.m., our Animal Corral is open for you to meet and handle your favorites up close.

Whew! Well, I don't want to give away all the surprises in Fairyland. There are many more ventures waiting to be shared with you, your children and loved ones. We even have Fairyland Personality Jesters who will give a personal tour of the grounds you ask. So, for a good time, your family, visit Children's Fairyland U.S.A. — "The Dream Every Child Come True."

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job to implement these recommendations. We're ready, willing, and able. If you'd like to become involved in helping us move Fairyland forward, please contact me, Nancy Stark at 6878 #2.

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The Oakland Police Explorers and members of the Fire Department and others safety organizations will be visiting the park presenting lessons and "hands on" workshops about safety. A fun-filled day featuring fingerprinting, robot cars, horses and many other surprises! Programs run from noon to 4 p.m.

#### 24th: Animal Safety Day

Everyone should be safe, even our animals. Representatives from animal support organizations will be on hand at Fairyland to demonstrate how they care for lost or hurt animals. You might even be able to adopt a dog or cat while visiting the park!

#### April: "Fairyland is in Bloom Month"

3rd: Fairyland is currently on its SPRING Schedule

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3rd through 7th: Spring Break Festivities!

Annual Egg Roll:

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Peter Cottontail:

Peter will be "on paw" at Fairyland all week between the hours of noon and 4 p.m. Walk on over and visit, he loves to chat.

Egg Coloring Workshop:

Marilynn O'Hare and her group of young artistic volunteers, will be holding an egg coloring workshop at the Humpty Dumpty Wall between the hours of noon and 3 p.m. For a small fee, you can purchase an egg and join in on the fun all week long!

Visit our Animal Corral:

On Wednesday and Sunday, the Animal Corral will be open between the hours of noon and 3 p.m. in order for you to meet your favorite Springtime animals.

Special Talent Days April 3 - 5:

Jean Paul Valjean and the Short Attention Span Circus will perform stupendous acts of juggling on the Emerald City Stage Wednesday through Friday at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

13th: New Puppet Show: "The Secret Garden"

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13th: Spring Explosion Day!

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May: "Let's Make Magic Together Month":

5th: Presentation Day in Fairyland

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11th - 12th: A Magical Weekend

Fairyland is celebrating this magical month by featuring arts and crafts and magicians in magical brew of enchantment. The Emerald City Stage will have Bay Area magicians performing at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. each day. And Marilynn O'Hare, our resident artist, will be conjuring up special projects for the tiny tots that will enchant our young crowd.

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25th: Special Talent Day

Jean Paul Valjean and the Short Attention Span Circus will perform stupendous acts of juggling on the Emerald City Stage at noon and 2:30 p.m.

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## Schedule of events...

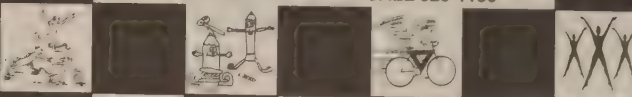
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## Acting is just another stage in her life

Children's Fairyland would like to welcome Erica Blue, the newest member of our artistic staff. Erica just recently moved back to the Bay Area, after living in Amsterdam for some time studying theater and dance. Her jobs will include taking over the reins of our youth acting troupe: The Fairyland Personalities, and will expand them to new plateaus of dramatic achievements. With a B.A. in theater, dance, and child development, Erica is just the one to accomplish this.

The Personalities are children between the ages of 8 and 10 who audition each year to portray a storybook hero or villain in the park. They put on shows and act as ambassadors of the park for small children. Terry Holmes's son, Matthew, is a second year Fairyland Personality. "We have found the program to be a wonderful part of Matthew's life," says his father. "It allows for a non-serious side to counterbalance his school studies. It seems to be an oasis he looks forward to. Matthew always enters and leaves Fairyland in great spirits! It has shown him the value of commitment."

With the help of Erica's teaching skills, the Personality program will be expanded to include more improvisational skills, character development, dealing with the public, and the importance of ensemble based work. It is Erica's hope that the 1996 Fairyland Personalities will expand their outside park appearances at parades, fairs, and public events, and reach out into the community to share their young talents.

One of the jobs at Fairyland



Terry Holmes discusses an acting session with Erica Blue, while Fairyland Personalities Clayton Rowe, Leone Price, and Ana Ramirez practice a scene.

for the Personalities is to introduce themselves as their character, such as Peter Pan or Alice, to our visiting youngsters.

Terry Holmes has noticed that this helps Matthew express himself to strangers in a safe, magical environment. "It gives the child (Personality), who generally looks to adults, a chance to be the 'Big Person.'" Social skills are just one important facet to our youth acting program. Since Erica has been associated with the children, she has already started two pilot programs for the kids. "Spontaneous Storytime", where the Personalities read children's books to visiting young ones, and "Theatrics Through The Park," where the storybook cast acts out scenes in and around the fairytale sets.

Terry, caught up in his son's excitement, has recently been

elected President of The Governing Committee for The Fairyland Personalities.

With the help of other volunteer parents, he and his committee help plan the direction, which the Fairyland Personality program will expand and grow. "We are excited and hopeful about the theatrical skill development that Erica is just getting underway, and we welcome her to Fairyland."

But, that's not the only feather in Ms. Blue's cap. She will have in her capacity a Youth Development Coordinator, which she also plans to coordinate Fairyland's outreach to the schools.

Future endeavors will include Fairyland's pilot Summer Camp, which will consist of classes in dance, drama, and what she calls "Fairytale Creation". Watch for Erica's first performance.

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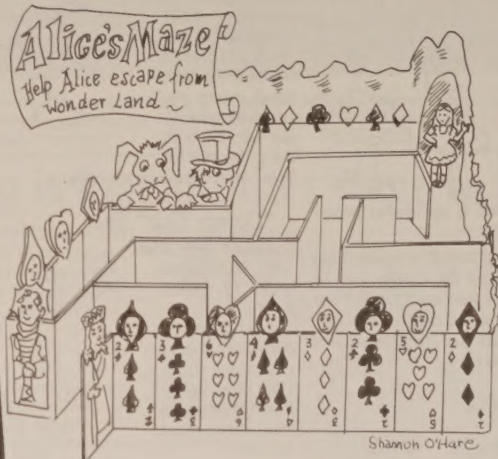
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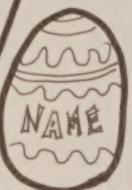


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St. Patrick's Quiz  
circle correct word

A leprechaun comes from WHERE?  
AFRICA - SPAIN - IRELAND?  
Leprechauns love DASHES - SHAMROCKS?  
Leprechauns own a POT of COAL -  
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